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Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the years 1965 — 1968.

I should like to acknowledge the kindness and support which I have received from Members of the Council, also the Chairman of the Health Committee, and to thank the officers and office staff for their willing help to me in the discharge of my duties, especially during the period of 18 months when I was without a Deputy,

Ian M. McLachlan.

IAN McLACHLAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOLIHULL

1965

Mayor: ALDERMAN C.F.BAKER, J.P.

Deputy Mayor: COUNCILLOR H.C.TAYLOR

MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

COUNCILLOR L.J.COOMBES (Chairman)

ALDERMAN J.A.EMLYN JONES (Vice Chairman)

Councillors Boston, Brockbank, Clark, Mrs.Godderidge, Jordan, Pickering,
Mrs.Stott and Mrs.Wainwright.

1966

Mayor: COUNCILLOR W.M.THOMAS, J.P.

Deputy Mayor: ALDERMAN E.F.BAKER

MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

COUNCILLOR L.J.COOMBES (Chairman)

COUNCILLOR MRS.A.E.GODDERIDGE (Vice Chairman)

Alderman J.A.Emlyn Jones, Councillors Arrowsmith, Brockbank, Brown, Clark,
Holtom, Pickering and Mrs.Wainwright.

1967

Mayor: COUNCILLOR W.E.COX, J.P.

Deputy Mayor: ALDERMAN C.F.BAKER

MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

COUNCILLOR L.J.COOMBES (Chairman)

COUNCILLOR MRS.A.E.GODDERIDGE (Vice Chairman)

Alderman J.A.Emlyn Jones, Councillors Brockbank, Duddy, Holtom, Lewis,
Pickering, Mrs.Plucknett, and Mrs.Wainwright.

1968

Mayor: COUNCILLOR J.C.LEDBETTER, J.P.

Deputy Mayor: COUNCILLOR W.E.COX

MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND CHILDREN'S COMMITTEES

COUNCILLOR L.J.COOMBES (Chairman)

ALDERMAN J.A.EMLYN JONES (Vice Chairman)

Councillors Barlow, Brockbank, Duddy, Mrs.Godderidge, Pickering, Spicer-Freeman,
Mrs.Stott and Mrs.Wainwright.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health

IAN M. McLACHLAN, L.R.C.P. & S.Ire.L.M., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health

JOHN ERIC PEARSON, M.B., B.S., B.Pharm., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F.P.S., D.P.H.
(Resigned 30.4.67)

PETER DOUGLAS KEMP, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.(Edin.), L.R.F.P.S.(Glas.)
D.P.H.(Edin.), commenced 1.10.68.

Assistant Medical Officers

E. THOMPSON, M.B., Ch.B.(Ed.), D.P.H.

P.J.H. CHEONG, L.M.S.S.A. resigned 30.11.67

There are in addition a number of part-time Medical Officers

Chief Public Health Inspector

a, c, e, f.

ERNEST VAUGHAN — retired 31.3.65

a, c, d.

JOSEPH S. FORMAN — 1.4.65

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

a, c, d.

JOSEPH S. FORMAN — 1.1.65 — 31.3.65

b, c.

GEOFFREY N. DEAN — 1.4.65

Additional Public Health Inspectors

b, c.

GEOFFREY N. DEAN — 1.1.65 — 31.3.65

b, c, d.

ERNEST SOUTHERN

b, c.

ROBERT P. CHURCHILL

b, c.

LESLIE J. PEARCE

b, c.

I. E. J. ENGLAND

NEIL L. BONEHAM

JOHN A. RICHARDSON (Trainee)

Rodent Operatives

E. CALLAGHAN died 29.5.67

W. J. BODDINGTON

C. D. ANDERSON from 6.7.67 resigned 19.7.68

Public Analysts

BOSTOCK, HILL AND RIGBY

- a. Qualifying Certificate of the Royal Society of Health.
- b. Qualifying Certificate of the Royal Society of Health and the Association of Public Health Inspectors.
- c. Meat Certificate of the Royal Society of Health.
- d. Sanitary Science Certificate of the Royal Society of Health.
- e. Smoke Certificate of the Royal Society of Health.
- f. Certificate of the Institute of Public Cleansing.

Senior Dental Officer

EDWARD FOSTER STONEHOUSE, L.D.S., R.C.S.(Edin.).

Dental Officers

MRS.B.BROTHERHOOD, B.D.S., resigned 31.12.67

MISS M.M.STOCKER, L.D.S., resigned 15.4.66

There are in addition a number of part-time Dental Officers and whole-time and part-time Dental Attendants.

Superintendent Nursing Officer

MISS E.J.LAMB, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert., retired 30.9.68

MISS E.S.SIMPSON, S.R.N., R.F.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert., Q.I.D.N.S., appointed 1.10.68

Midwives

MISS M.BRADY, S.R.N., S.C.M., resigned 31.7.67

MRS.D.BROWN, S.C.M.

MISS C.M.CHESHIRE, S.R.N., S.C.M.

MRS.O.GOODMAN, S.E.N., S.C.M.

MRS.M.M.JUKES, S.R.N., S.C.M.

MISS R.V.MILLS, S.R.N., S.C.M.

MRS.G.M.MORETON, S.R.N., S.C.M.

MISS B.NORTON, S.E.N., S.C.M., appointed 13.3.67

MRS.N.PATERSON, S.R.N., S.C.M.

MISS A.SMITH, S.R.N., S.C.M., retires 30.11.66

MISS M.A.WEST, S.R.N., S.C.M.

MISS M.WESTLEY, S.R.N., S.C.M., resigned 26/10/67

MISS M.J.WILSON, S.R.N., S.C.M., resigned 24/7/66

District Nurses

MRS J.E.ALLEN, S.R.N.

MRS.C.K.CLARKE, S.R.N.

MRS.S.B.CONWAY, S.R.N.

MISS M.A.COZENS, S.R.N., S.C.M.

MRS.L.E.DAVIES, S.R.N.

MRS.A.G.DEPPER, S.R.N.

MISS E.M.HISCOX, S.R.N., S.C.M., resigned 31.12.68

MRS.R.HUGHES, S.R.N.

MRS.P.H.JONES, S.R.N., resigned 31.3.68

MRS.D.E.LUXTON, S.R.N., resigned 30.11.66

MRS.W.MacGREGOR, S.R.N., S.C.M.

MRS.L.R.MITCHELL, S.R.N., retired 23.10.68

MRS.J.MURPHY, S.R.N.

MISS M.J.O'FLAHERTY, S.R.N., S.C.M.

MRS.E.N.SPARKES, S.R.N.

MRS.Y.STIRRATT, S.R.N.

Health Visitors

MRS.G.A.BROWN, S.R.N., H.V.Cert., resigned 30.9.68

MRS.D.M.BURTON, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert., resigned 31.8.66

MRS.G.A.DOUGLAS, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert., resigned 31.7.68

MISS E.M.L.FREESTONE, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert.

MISS A.GRANT, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert.

MISS E.HASTIE, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert.

MRS.S.P.INSTONE, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert.

MISS E.M.LECORNEY, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert.

Health Visitors (Cont'd)

MISS D. A. MANTON, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.
MISS F. E. MORGAN, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert., retired 30.11.67
MRS. M. J. McNAMARA, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert., resigned 31.3.66
MISS D. PIKE, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert., resigned 30.9.67
MRS. P. D. SHOUGH, S.R.N., S.C.M., (Pt. I), H.V. Cert.
MRS. I. F. SMITH, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert., retired 22.11.67
MRS. B. F. TURNER, S.R.N., S.C.M., (Pt. I), H.V. Cert.
MRS. W. H. WALKER, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.
MRS. V. M. WHITING, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.
MISS M. J. WIGGINS, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert., resigned 31.7.67

Social Worker

MRS. J. HALLORAN, B.A.

Mental Welfare Officers

F. T. BROOKES

A. R. McLENNAN

W. LADDS

C. SMITH — resigned 3.4.66

MRS. C. BLACKBURN — resigned 31.10.66

Ambulance Service

M. ROSS (Ambulance Superintendent)

Principal Administrative Assistant

L. H. HENSTONE

COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOLIHULL

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

										1965			1966		
Population (Estimated Mid.1965) Registrar General										101,210					103,600
Live Births										<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate										857	791	1648	797	729	1526
Illegitimate										37	33	70	30	34	64
										<u>894</u>	<u>824</u>	<u>1718</u>	<u>827</u>	<u>763</u>	<u>1590</u>
Rate per 1000 Estimated Population										16.9					15.3
Illegimate Live Births – (per cent of total live births)										4.					4
Still Births										<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate										6	15	21	9	4	13
Illegitimate										1	1	2		1	1
										<u>7</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>14</u>
Rate per 1000 total live and still births...										13.2					8.7
Total Live and Still Births										<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate										863	806	1669	806	733	1539
Illegitimate										38	34	72	30	35	65
										<u>901</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>1741</u>	<u>836</u>	<u>768</u>	<u>1604</u>
Infant Deaths under 1 year										<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate										14	9	23	6	1	13
Illegitimate										1		1	1	1	2
										<u>15</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>15</u>
INFANT MORTALITY RATES															
Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births...										13.9					9.4
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate births										13.9					8.5
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate births										14.2					31.2
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under four weeks)										<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate										7	7	14	4	4	8
Illegitimate										1		1	1		1
										<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>
Rate per 1000 Total Live Births										8.7					5.6
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under one week)										<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate										7	7	14	4	4	8
Illegitimate										1		1			
										<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>
Rate per 1000 Total Live Births										8.7					5.03
Peri-Natal Mortality Rate (Still Births plus deaths under one week)										<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate										13	22	35	13	8	21
Illegitimate										2	1	3		1	1
										<u>15</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>22</u>
Rate per 1000 Total Live and Still Births										21.8					13.7
Deaths										<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
All Causes										403	346	749	394	362	756
Rate per 1000 estimated population										7.4					7.2

COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOLIHULL

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

										1967			1968		
Population (Estimated mid.1967) Registrar General..										105,890			108,380		
										<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Live Births															
Legitimate										785	724	1509	799	752	1551
Illegitimate										49	40	89	41	31	72
										<u>834</u>	<u>764</u>	<u>1598</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>783</u>	<u>1623</u>
Rate per 1000 Estimated Population												15.1			14.9
Still Births										<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate										10	9	19	12	8	20
Illegitimate										-	-	-	-	1	1
										<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>21</u>
Rate per 1000 Live and Still Births												11.7			12.7
Infant Deaths under 1 year										<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate										12	11	23	10	4	14
Illegitimate										-	1	1	-	1	1
										<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>15</u>
Rate per 1000 Live Births												15.			9.2
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under four weeks)										<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate										8	8	16	7	3	10
Illegitimate										-	-	-	-	1	1
										<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>
Rate per 1000 Live Births												10.			6.7
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under one week)										<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate										7	6	13	5	3	8
Illegitimate										-	-	-	-	1	1
										<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>
Rate per 1000 Live Births												8.1			5.5
Peri-Natal Mortality Rate (Still Births plus deaths under one week)										<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate										17	15	32	17	11	28
Illegitimate										-	-	-	-	2	2
										<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>30</u>
Rate per 1000 Live and Still Births												19.7			18.2
Deaths										<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
All Causes										419	379	798	431	426	857
Rate per 1000 estimated population												7.5			7.9

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES, 1965

Child Welfare Clinics were held regularly during the year. The table below shows the number of children who attended and the attendances made during 1965.

Where held	When held	No. of children who attended during the year and who were born in			Total No. children who attended during 1965	Total No. of attendances 1965
		1965	1964	1963 60		
Bentley Heath Community Hall	Alternate Tuesdays	20	18	61	99	436
Dorridge - St. Phillips Church Room.	Every Friday	80	60	107	247	885
Hobs Moat Clinic	Every Wednesday and Friday	312	252	230	794	4540
Knowle - Village Hall	Every Thursday	76	79	135	290	1607
Olton - Congregational Church Rooms	Every Monday	88	86	124	298	1494
Wagon Lane - Old Isolation Hospital	Every Tuesday and Wednesday	80	82	87	249	1289
Shirley - Clinic Building, Halifax Road	Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	352	358	307	1017	6385
Solihull - Homer Road	Every Monday and Wednesday	227	222	213	722	3563
Shirley - (Cole Green) Youth Hut	Every Monday and Thursday	158	183	156	497	2871
	TOTALS	1393	1340	1480	4213	23010

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES, 1966

Child Welfare Clinics were held regularly during the year. The table below shows the number of children who attended and the attendances made during 1966.

Where held	When held	No. of children who attended during the year and who were born in			Total No. children who attended during 1966	Total No. of attendances 1966
		1966	1965	1964-61		
Bentley Heath Community Hall	Alternate Tuesdays	31	20	44	95	480
Dorridge - St. Phillips Church Room	Every Friday	48	71	91	210	1315
Hobs Moat Clinic	Every Wednesday and Friday	269	317	257	843	4453
Knowle - Village Hall	Every Thursday	84	78	111	273	1566
Olton - Congregational Church Rooms	Every Monday	105	92	91	288	1693
Wagon Lane - Old Isolation Hospital	Every Tuesday and Wednesday	83	76	106	265	1529
Shirley - Clinic Building, Halifax Road	Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	385	335	291	1011	5980
Solihull - Homer Road	Every Monday and Wednesday	254	247	300	801	3801
Shirley - (Cole Green) Youth Hut	Every Monday and Thursday	186	155	144	485	2720
	TOTALS	1445	1391	1435	4271	23537

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES, 1967

Child Welfare Clinics were held regularly during the year. The table below shows the number of children who attended and the attendances made during 1967.

Where held	When held	No. of children who attended during the year and who were born in			Total No. children who attended during 1967	Total No. of attendances 1967
		1967	1966	1965-62		
Bentley Heath Community Hall	Alternate Tuesdays	16	29	33	78	407
Dorridge - St. Phillips Church Room	Every Friday	59	34	89	182	1093
Hobs Moat Clinic	Every Wednesday and Friday	317	263	346	926	4966
Knowle - Village Hall	Every Thursday	73	85	124	282	1442
Olton - Congregational Church Rooms	Every Monday	98	103	109	310	1822
Wagon Lane - Old Isolation Hospital	Every Tuesday and Wednesday	76	82	91	255	1469
Shirley - Clinic Building, Halifax Road	Every Tuesday Wednesday and Friday	348	330	280	958	5366
Solihull - Homer Road	Every Monday and Wednesday	275	239	364	878	4693
Shirley - (Cole Green) Youth Hut	Every Monday and Thursday	164	188	141	493	2602
	TOTALS	1426	1353	1583	4362	23860

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES, 1968

Child Welfare Clinics were held regularly during the year. The table below shows the number number of children who attended and the attendances made during 1968.

Where held	When held	No. of children who attended during the year and who were born in			Total No. children who attended during 1968	Total No. of attendances 1968
		1968	1967	1966-63		
Bentley Heath Community Hall	Alternate Tuesdays	12	17	24	53	302
Dorridge - St. Phillips Church Room	Every Friday	61	51	66	178	872
Hobs Moat Clinic	Every Wednesday and Friday	313	343	345	1001	5738
Knowle - Village Hall	Every Thursday	71	64	104	239	1393
Olton - Congregational Church Rooms	Every Monday	117	88	80	285	1599 *
Wagon Lane - Old Isolation Hospital	Every Tuesday and Wednesday	58	55	72	185	967 **
Shirley - Clinic Building Halifax Road	Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	369	342	259	970	4952
Solihull - Homer Road	Every Monday and Wednesday	274	242	318	834	4676
Shirley - (Cole Green) Youth Hut	Every Monday and Thursday	151	135	133	419	2037
	TOTALS	1426	1337	1101	4164	22536

* Due to shortages of staff only had a Medical Officer in attendance on 13 occasions.

** Closed on 17th December, 1968.

CARE OF NURSING AND EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Relaxation and Mothercraft Classes

	<i>No. of women attended</i>	<i>Attendances</i>
1965	515	2,379
1966	598	2,880
1967	657	3,144
1968	717	3,268

DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY

	<i>Home confinements</i>	<i>Hospital deliveries, cases discharged before 10th day</i>
1965	436	636
1966	402	932
1967	363	979
1968	333	1,039

PREMATURE BIRTHS -- Number of premature births (as adjusted by any notifications transferred in or out of the area) 1965

Weight at Birth	Premature Live Births												Premature Stillbirths	
	Born in Hospital			Born at home or in a nursing home						Transferred to hospital on or before 28th day	Born			
				Nursed entirely at home or in a nursing home			Died							
	Total Births	Within 24 hours of birth	In 1 day and under 7 days	In 7 and under 28 days	Total Births	Within 24 hours of birth	In 1 and under 7 days	In 7 and under 28 days	Total Births	Within 24 hours of birth	In 1 and under 7 days	In 7 and under 28 days	In Hospital	At home or in a nursing home
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
1. 2 lb. 3 ozs. or less ...	2	2												
2. Over 2 lb. 3 ozs. up to and including 3 lb. 4 ozs	7	1	1										2	
3. Over 3 lb. 4 ozs. up to and including 4 lb. 6 ozs	9	3	1										4	
4. Over 4 lb. 6 ozs. up to and including 4 lb. 15 ozs. ...	9	1											2	
5. Over 4 lb. 15 ozs. up to and including 5 lb. 8 ozs.	37	1							1					
TOTAL	64	8	2						1				8	

PREMATURE BIRTHS — Number of premature births (as adjusted by any notifications transferred in or out of the area) 1966

Weight at Birth	Premature Live Births													Premature Stillbirths		
	Born in Hospital				Nursed entirely at home or in a nursing home				Born at home or in a nursing home				Transferred to hospital on or before 28th day		Born At home or in a nursing home (14)	In hospital (13)
	Total Births (1)	Within 24 hours of birth (2)	In 1 day and under 7 days (3)	Died (4)	Total Births (5)	Within 24 hours of birth (6)	In 1 and under 7 days (7)	In 7 and under 28 days (8)	Total Births (9)	Within 24 hours of birth (10)	In 1 and under 7 days (11)	In 7 and under 28 days (12)				
1. 2 lb. 3 ozs. or less...	1	1											1			
2. Over 2 lb. 3 ozs. up to and including 3 lb.4 ozs.	2												3			
3. Over 3 lb.4 ozs. up to and including 4 lb.6 ozs.	12		1										3			
4. Over 4 lb.6 ozs. up to and including 4 lb. 15 ozs. ...	13												2			
5. Over 4 lb. 15 ozs. up to and including 5 lb.8 ozs.	23															
TOTAL	51	1	1										9			

PREMATURE BIRTHS - Number of premature births (as adjusted by any notifications transferred in or out of the area) 1961

Weight at Birth	Premature Live Births												Premature Stillbirth		
	Born in Hospital			Born at home or in a nursing home				Born at home or in a nursing home							
	Died			Died				Died							
	Transferred to hospital on or before 28th day			Transferred to hospital on or before 28th day				Transferred to hospital on or before 28th day							
	Within 24 hours of birth	In 1 day and under 7 days	In 7 and under 28 days	Total Births	Within 24 hours of birth	In 1 and under 7 days	In 7 and under 28 days	Total Births	Within 24 hours of birth	In 1 and under 7 days	In 7 and under 28 days	Total Births	Born in Hospital	At home or in a nursing home	
1 2 lb.3 ozs. or less ..	1			(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	1	(13)	(14)
2. Over 2 lb.3 ozs. up to and including 3 lb 4 ozs.	1												2		
3 Over 3 lb 4 ozs. up to and including 4 lb 6 ozs.	15												3		
4 Over 4 lb.6 ozs up to and including 4 lb 15 ozs.	16												2		
5 Over 4 lb.15 ozs up to and in luding 5 lb.8 ozs.	20												1		
TOTAL	53	1												9	

PREMATURE BIRTHS -- Number of premature births (as adjusted by any notifications transferred in or out of the area) 1968

Weight at Birth	Premature Live Births										Premature Stillbirths	
	Born in Hospital			Born at home or in a nursing home				Transferred to hospital on or before 28th day			In Hospital	At home or in a nursing home
	Total Births (1)	Within 24 hours of birth (2)	Died (3)	Within 24 hours of birth (6)	In 1 and under 7 days (7)	In 7 and under 28 days (8)	Total Births (5)	Within 24 hours of birth (9)	In 1 and under 7 days (11)	In 7 and under 28 days (12)	(13)	(14)
1. 2 lb.3 ozs. or less ...		1						1			1	
2. Over 2 lb.3 ozs up to and including 3 lb.4 ozs.	1		1								2	
3. Over 3 lb.4 ozs. up to and including 4 lb.6 ozs.	9	1									1	
4. Over 4 lb.6 ozs. up to and including 4lb.15 ozs. ...	9											
5. Over 4 lb.15 ozs. up to and including 5 lb.8 ozs.	30	1	1					3				
TOTAL	49	3	2					4			4	

HOME NURSING SERVICE

	<i>No of patients</i>	<i>No of visits by District Nurses</i>
1965	1 140	36 958
1966	1 110	39 007
1967	1,233	43 049
1968	1,228	47,106

HEALTH VISITING SERVICE

The following table gives some indication of the domiciliary visits made by members of this service during the years under review -

<i>Cases Visited</i>	1965	1966	1967	1968
No. of children under 5 years	6,369	6,351	7,750	5,746
Persons aged 65 years or over	73	62	69	43
Mentally disordered persons	3	1	6	5
Persons discharged from Hospital excluding Maternity cases	10	11	7	6
No. of tuberculous households visited	227	194	132	136
No. of households visited on account of other infectious diseases	31	43	40	51

TUBERCULOSIS

<i>Cases on Tuberculosis Register at 31st December</i>	1965	1966	1967	1968
Respiratory... ..	286	237	207	197
Non Respiratory	19	25	26	25
	<u>305</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>233</u>	<u>222</u>

CONVALESCENT CARE

Number of Patients for whom convalescence was arranged during:-

1965	1966	1967	1968
13	8	5	7

MENTAL HEALTH, 1965.

(a) Admissions to Mental Hospitals arranged by Mental Welfare Officers

No. of Patients

Mode of Admission

Compulsory admissions under Mental Health Act, 1959	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	
Informal admissions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	169	197

During the year 4 patients admitted to hospital for observation were detained for further treatment

Total number of discharges from hospital

Discharges to patient's home	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	167	
Discharges to Old People's Homes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	
Died in Hospital	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	192

Remaining in Hospital at the end of 1965 89

(b) Community Care

Of the 167 discharges from Hospital 119 required no after care,

Number of cases receiving after care at the end of 1964	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	
Number of new cases added in 1965	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	88
Number of cases requiring no further after care in 1965 and removed from the list	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		54
Total number of cases receiving after care	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	
Number of cases receiving pre-hospital care	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	
Total number of cases receiving community care	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		43

(c) Mental subnormality in the community

At the beginning of the year the number of cases was ... 74

Two new cases were reported and two patients were discharged from hospital, making a total of ... 78

During the year 1 patient was admitted to hospital, 2 left the area and 4 were removed from the register, leaving a total number of patients on the register at the end of 1965 of ... 71

Total number of patients in hospitals for sub-normals at the beginning of the year ... 49

One patient was admitted, 2 patients were discharged from hospital and 1 patient died, leaving a total number of patients in hospital of ... 47

During the year 2 children were admitted for short-term care

(d) Training Centre, 1965

There were 37 trainees attending the Training Centre at the end of 1964. Four new trainees were admitted to the Centre during the year and four left the Centre, leaving a total of 37 trainees on the register.

Trainees are conveyed to and from the Centre daily by coach, and a hot mid-day meal is provided, for which a charge of 1/-d. per day is made. The remainder of the charge is met by the Health Committee.

During the year an outing was arranged for the trainees to Weston-Super-Mare by the Solihull Parents' Association, and the Senior boys and girls spent an enjoyable day at Warwick.

At Christmas, the pantomime was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience of parents and friends.

MENTAL HEALTH, 1966

(a) Admissions to Hospitals

Mode of Admission

No of Patients

Compulsory admission under the Mental Health Act 1959	...	...	...	...	...	40	
Informal admissions	...	...	...	...	...	173	213

During the year 1 patient was admitted for treatment and 4 patients admitted for observation were detained for further treatment

Total Number of Discharges

Discharges to Patient's Home	...	...	...	...	...	176	
Discharges to Old People's Homes	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Died in hospital	...	...	...	...	...	19	197

Remaining in hospital at the end of 1966 106

(b) Community Care

Of the 176 discharges from hospital 122 required no after care.

Number of cases receiving after care at the end of 1965	...	...	...	...	...	62	
Number of new cases added	...	...	...	...	...	54	116
Number of cases requiring no further after care and removed from the list	...	...	...	...	...	64	64
Total number of cases receiving after care	...	...	...	...	...	52	
Number of cases receiving pre-hospital care	...	...	...	...	...	8	
Total number of cases receiving community care	...	...	...	...	...		60

After care visits made by the Mental Welfare Officers during the year ended December, 1966 were as follows:—

After care visits - Mentally Ill patients	...	...	1781
After care visits - Sub and Severely Sub normal patients	...	...	607
Other visits including investigations	...	...	734
Total number of visits made	...	...	3122

(c) Mental subnormality in the community

At the beginning of the year the number of cases was ... 71

Six new cases were added 4 transferred in and 5 discharged from hospital making a total of ... 86

During the year 3 patients were admitted to hospital and 1 left the area leaving a total number of patients on the register at the end of 1966 of ... 82

The number of patients in hospital at the beginning of the year was ... 47

Three patients were admitted to hospital and 1 died leaving a total number of patients in hospital at the end of 1966 of ... 49

During the year one patient was admitted twice and 2 other patients were admitted for temporary care to give their parents a much needed break

(d) Training Centre 1966

There were 37 trainees attending the Training Centre at the end of 1965. Four new trainees were admitted to the Centre during the year and 1 left, leaving a total of 40 on the register.

Trainees are conveyed to and from the Centre daily by coach and taxi. A hot meal is provided for which a charge of 1/6d per day is made. The remainder of the charge is met by the Health Committee.

At Christmas the pantomime by the trainees was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience of parents and friends. The parents were informed during refreshments that this was the last time the trainees would attend at this Centre, as this would be closed and the children would attend the new all-purpose Centre which would be opened after the Christmas holidays.

MENTAL HEALTH, 1967.

(a)	Admissions to Mental Hospitals.	No. of Patients
	Mode of Admission	
	Compulsory admissions under the Mental Health Act, 1959	52
	Informal admissions	156
	TOTAL ADMISSIONS	208

During the year 11 patients admitted to hospital for observation were detained for further treatment under Section 26.

Total number of discharges from hospital

Discharges to patient's homes	172
Discharges to Old People's Homes	2
Discharges to other hospitals	4
Died in hospital	16
TOTAL DISCHARGES AND DEATHS	194

(b) Community Care.

Of the 172 discharges from hospital 85 required no after care.

Number of cases receiving after care as the end of 1966	...	...	...	...	...	43	
Number of new cases added in 1967	...	...	...	...	...	87	130
Number of cases requiring no further after care in 1967 and removed from the list	...						60
Number of cases receiving after care..	...	...	...	...	...	52	
Number of cases receiving pre-hospital care	...	...	...	...	...	18	
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES RECEIVING COMMUNITY CARE	...	...	...	...			70

(c) Mental Subnormality

At the beginning of the year the number of cases was 82

6 new cases were reported and 5 cases were transferred into the Borough, making a total of 93

During the year 1 patient was admitted to hospital, 1 transferred to hospital. 2 patients were removed from the register and 4 patients left the area, leaving a total number on the register at the end of 1967 of 85

Total number of patients in hospitals for sub-normals at the beginning of the year ... 49

1 was discharged from hospital, 1 was transferred to the Borough, 1 admitted and 1 returned to hospital, leaving a total number of patients in hospital of 51

During the year 5 children were admitted to hospital for short-term care.

(d) Training Centre, 1967

The new all-purpose, 70 place, Junior Training Centre, sited in Haslucks Green Road, Shirley, was completed in 1966 and opened for trainees on the 9th January, 1967. This new Centre replaced the old wooden building at Knowle which had been in use for a number of years.

The Centre has its own kitchen which supplies dinners daily for the trainees and staff.

At present adult trainees also attend this centre.

The trainees are conveyed to and from the centre daily by coach.

There were 43 trainees on the register at the beginning of the year. Three new cases were added and three cases were transferred into the Borough, and one case was accepted from another authority. Unfortunately, one trainee was withdrawn from the centre because of behaviour difficulties, leaving a total number on the register of 49.

The centre was open for 192 days during the year and the average attendances of trainees was 40.95 daily.

At Christmas a special show was given by the trainees which was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience of parents and friends; afterwards a display of the trainees' work was on show.

MENTAL HEALTH, 1968

(a)	Admissions to Hospitals.	No. of Patients
	Mode of Admission	
	Compulsory admissions under the Mental Health Act, 1959	38
	Informal admissions	194
	TOTAL ADMISSIONS	232
	During the year 5 patients admitted to hospital for observation were detained for further treatment under Section 26.	
	Total Number of discharges from Hospital.	
	Discharges to patient's home	204
	To other hospitals	4
	Died in hospital	27
	TOTAL DISCHARGES AND DEATHS	235
(b)	Community Care	
	Of the 204 discharges from hospital, 154 were not referred for after care, and 18 left the area.	
	Number of cases receiving after care at the end of 1967	70
	Number of new cases added	32
		102
	Number of cases requiring no further after care in 1968 and removed from list ...	39
	Number of cases on list for after care December, 1968... ..	63
	Number of cases receiving pre-hospital care	18
	1 case left the area and 7 were removed from the register	8
	Number of pre-care cases... ..	10
	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES RECEIVING COMMUNITY CARE AT THE END OF 1968	73
(c)	Mental Subnormality, 1968	
	At the beginning of the year the number of cases was	85
	7 new cases were reported, making a total of	92
	During the year 2 cases were admitted to hospital, 2 patients were removed from the register, 7 patients left the area and 1 patient died, leaving a total at the end of 1968 of	80
	Total number of patients in hospitals for sub-normals at the beginning of the year ...	51
	2 patients were admitted to hospital and 1 patient died in hospital, leaving a total number of patients in hospital of	52
	During the year 7 children were admitted to hospital for short-term care.	
(d)	Training Centre.	
	There were 47 on the register at the beginning of the year.	47
	4 new cases commenced training and 5 cases left to reside in other areas. One trainee died, leaving a total of	45
	Of these 45 cases, 8 trainees are from the Warwickshire area, leaving a total number of Solihull cases as	37
	The Centre was open for 196 days during the year and the average daily attendance was	39.7
	The number of meals provided was as follows:—	
	Trainees	9,295 (of which 360 were provided free of charge)
	Staff	1,489
	Five children under the age of 5 years are attending the Centre for 3 x 1/2 days per week.	
	One girl is at a residential school.	
	Eight children are awaiting a Special Care Unit.	
	Six children excluded from the Centre attend a day hospital five days per week.	

CHIROPODY SERVICE

<i>Year</i>	<i>Via Darby and Joan Clubs and Old People's Homes</i>		<i>By Council's Part-time Chiropodists</i>		<i>Total No. of Treatments</i>	
	<i>Clinical</i>	<i>Domiciliary</i>	<i>Clinical</i>	<i>Domiciliary</i>	<i>Clinical</i>	<i>Domiciliary</i>
1965	546	457	-	472	546	929
1966	590	589	-	1125	590	1714
1967	417	615	-	1970	417	2585
1968	518	687	-	2470	518	3157

AMBULANCE SERVICE, 1965

Total number of patients carried:—	29,144
Total number of miles travelled:—	150,617

<i>Type of Case</i>	<i>Patients</i>	<i>Mileage</i>
Emergency Accident	846	5,067
Emergency Maternity	449	3,039
Emergency Other	1,744	18,252
Hospital Service	23,636	119,290
Maternity	2,356	2,841
Infectious Diseases	3	74
School Children	5	237
Other	105	513
Non-patient carrying	-	1,304

VEHICLES

At 31st December, 1965 the fleet statistics were as follows:—

<i>Regn. No.</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Make</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Mileage</i>
GXC. 739 C	Amb.	Morris	1965	6,735
VUE. 147	Amb.	Morris	1957	118,509
9889 UE	Amb.	Bedford	1961	81,081
5283 WD	Amb.	Bedford	1961	60,394
5286 WD	Amb.	Bedford	1961	64,951
5288 WD	Amb.	Bedford	1961	60,887
8983 AC	Small dual purpose	Morris	1959	126,359
4212 UE	Small dual purpose	Morris	1960	111,950
3800 WD	Large dual purpose	Bedford	1961	57,750

The following vehicle was removed from service in July 1965 and replaced by GXC. 739 C

VUE 277	Amb.	Morris	1957	134,780
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PERSONNEL

Ambulance Superintendent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Section Leaders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Driver/Attendants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
									24

SAFE DRIVING AWARDS

17 eligible, 16 qualified as below:—

6	...	...	...	1 — 4 year Diplomas
1	...	...	...	5 year Medal
6	...	...	...	6 — 8 year Bars
1	...	...	...	10 year Medal
2	...	...	...	11 — 13 year Bars

AMBULANCE SERVICE, 1966

Total number of patients Carried:— 30,802
Total number of miles travelled:— 150,710

<i>Type of Case</i>	<i>Patients</i>	<i>Mileage</i>
Emergency Accident	924	5,227
Emergency Maternity	369	2,442
Emergency Other	1,743	17,707
Hospital Service	24,602	118,640
Maternity	3,009	4,148
Infectious Diseases	5	25
School Children	-	-
Other	150	707
Non-patient carrying	-	1,814

VEHICLES

At 31st December, 1966 the fleet statistics were as follows:—

<i>Regn. No.</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Make</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Mileage</i>
GXC. 739 C	Amb.	Morris	1965	20,989
JXC. 999 D	Amb.	Morris	1966	8,929
9889 UE	Amb.	Bedford	1961	98,007
5283 WD	Amb.	Bedford	1961	76,191
5286 WD	Amb.	Bedford	1961	85,411
5288 WD	Amb.	Bedford	1961	80,344
8983 AC	Small Dual purpose	Morris	1959	147,696
4212 UE	Small Dual purpose	Morris	1960	127,846
3800 WD	Large Dual purpose	Bedford	1961	75,363

The following vehicle was removed from service in January, 1966, and replaced by JXC. 999 D.

VUE. 147	Amb.	Morris	1957	118,857
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PERSONNEL

Ambulance Superintendent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Senior Section Leader	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Section Leaders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Driver/Attendants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
								24

SAFE DRIVING AWARDS

16 eligible, 16 qualified, as below:—

8	...	...	...	1 — 4 year Diplomas
6	...	...	...	6 — 8 year Bars
2	...	...	...	11 — 13 year Bars

AMBULANCE SERVICE, 1967

Total number of patients carried:—	34,459
Total number of miles travelled:—	158,832

<i>Type of Case</i>	<i>Patient</i>	<i>Mileage</i>
Emergency Accident	849	5,175
Emergency Maternity	396	2,752
Emergency Other	1,845	18,234
Hospital Service	27,917	127,970
Maternity	3,234	1,823
Infectious Diseases	-	-
School Children	3	13
Other	215	1,413
Non-patient carrying	-	1,452

VEHICLES

At 31st December, 1967 the fleet statistics were as follows:—

<i>Regn. No.</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Make</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Mileage</i>
GXC. 739 C	Amb.	Morris	1965	22,783
FXC. 999 D	Amb.	Morris	1966	9,793
9889 UE	Amb.	Bedford	1961	17,631
5283 WD	Amb.	Bedford	1961	18,804
5286 WD	Amb.	Bedford	1961	16,363
5288 WD	Amb.	Bedford	1961	14,217
3800 WD.	Large dual purpose	Bedford	1961	20,568
RXC. 894 E	Large dual purpose	Ford	1967	10,520 (Into service June, 1967)
VXC. 517 F	Large dual purpose vehicle with lift	Bedford	1967	2,070 (Into service Nov. 1967)

The following vehicles were removed from service in June, 1967 and October, 1967 respectively:—

4212 UE	Dual purpose vehicle	Morris	1960	8,930
8983 AC	Dual purpose vehicle	Morris	1959	17,153

PERSONNEL

Ambulance Superintendent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Senior Section Leader	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Section Leaders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Driver/Attendants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22

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SAFE DRIVING AWARDS

18 eligible, 18 qualified, as below:—

9	...	...	...	1 — 4 year Diplomas
3	...	...	...	6 — 8 year Bars
1	...	...	...	11 — 13 year Bars
3	...	...	...	10 year Medals
2	...	...	...	5 year Medals

AMBULANCE SERVICE, 1968

Total number of patients carried:— 36,475
Total number of miles travelled:— 163,365

<i>Type of Case</i>	<i>Patients</i>	<i>Mileage</i>
Emergency Accident	821	4,435
Emergency Maternity	364	2,584
Emergency Other	2,014	20,870
Hospital Service	29,942	130,421
Maternity	3,193	1,382
Infectious Diseases	1	6
School Children	-	-
Other	140	409
Non-patient carrying	-	3,258

VEHICLES

At 31st December, 1968 the fleet statistics were as follows:—

<i>Regn. No.</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Make</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Mileage</i>
GXC. 739 C	Amb.	Morris	1965	19,434
JXC. 999 D	Amb.	Morris	1966	13,210
9889 UE	Amb.	Bedford	1961	15,458
5283 WD	Amb.	Bedford	1961	15,460
5286 WD	Amb.	Bedford	1961	16,941
5288 WD	Amb.	Bedford	1961	17,751
3800 WD	Large dual purpose vehicle	Bedford	1961	19,398
RXC. 894 E	Large dual purpose vehicle	Ford	1967	23,443
VXC. 517 F	Large dual purpose vehicle with lift	Bedford	1967	17,316
Ex Civil (GXC. 208 C		Commer	1965	Into service 1969
Defence (ALF. 100 B		Mini Bus	1964	4,954 Into service October, 1968

Two vehicles were purchased from Civil Defence Headquarters, one solely for Ambulance Department and one to be used jointly between Children's Department and Ambulance Section.

PERSONNEL

Ambulance Superintendent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Senior Section Leader	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Section Leaders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Driver/Attendants.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
								<u>27</u>

SAFE DRIVING AWARDS.

20 eligible, 20 qualified, as below:—

9	...	...	...	1 - 4 year Diplomas
3	...	...	...	5 year Medals
4	...	...	...	Bars to 5 year Medal
1	...	...	...	10 year Medal
2	...	...	...	Bars to 10 year Medal
1	...	...	...	15 years Service

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION, 1965

Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/Tetanus/Poliomyelitis

VACCINATION OF PERSONS UNDER AGE 16 COMPLETED DURING 1965

TABLE 1 — COMPLETED PRIMARY COURSES

Type of Vaccine or Dose		Year of Birth					Others under Age 16	TOTAL
		1965	1964	1963	1962	1958-61		
1.	Quadruple	8	31	1	1	-	-	41
2.	Triple	373	602	165	98	107	3	1348
3.	Diphtheria/Pertussis	-	-1	-	1	4	3	9
4.	Diphtheria/Tetanus	3	-	1	-	1	-	5
5.	Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6.	Pertussis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Tetanus	-	-	-	2	55	91	148
8.	Salk (Poliomyelitis)	6	47	15	4	3	-	75
9.	Sabin (Poliomyelitis)	195	1101	172	67	107	29	1671
10.	Lines 1,2,3,4 and 5 (Diphtheria)	384	634	167	100	112	6	1403
11.	Lines 1,2,3 and 6, (Whooping Cough)	381	634	166	100	111	6	1398
12.	Lines 1,2,4 and 7 (Tetanus)	384	633	167	101	163	94	1542
13.	Lines 1,8 and 9 (Poliomyelitis)	209	1179	188	72	110	29	1787

TABLE 2 — REINFORCING DOSES

Type of Vaccine or Dose		Year of Birth				Others under Age 16	TOTAL
		1963	1962	1961	1957-60		
1.	Quadruple	7	25	2	33	1	68
2.	Triple	171	364	72	329	28	964
3.	Diphtheria/Pertussis	2	-	1	16	1	20
4.	Diphtheria/Tetanus	11	18	4	654	42	729
5.	Diphtheria	1	1	-	40	8	50
6.	Pertussis	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Tetanus	-	-	2	47	87	136
8.	Salk (Poliomyelitis)	21	61	20	154	9	265
9.	Sabin (Poliomyelitis)	43	37	37	1077	96	1290
10.	Lines 1,2,3,4 and 5 (Diphtheria)	192	408	79	1072	80	1831
11.	Lines 1,2,3 and 6 (Whooping Cough)	180	389	75	378	30	1052
12.	Lines 1,2,4 and 7 (Tetanus)	189	407	80	1063	158	1897
13.	Lines 1,8 and 9 (Poliomyelitis)	71	123	59	1264	106	1623

SMALLPOX

Number of children vaccinated during 1965

Primary				Revaccinations			
Under 1 year	...	...	54	0 — 14 years	...	...	76
1 — 4 years...	...	...	916				
5 — 14 years	...	...	23				
Total for year			993				76

TUBERCULOSIS (B.C.G.).

(a) Contact Scheme

1.	No. skin tested	...	60
2.	No. found positive	...	-
3.	No. found negative	...	60
4.	No. vaccinated	...	62

(b) School Children and Students

1.	No skin tested	...	743
2.	No. found positive	...	62
3.	No. found negative	...	681
4.	No. vaccinated	...	682

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION, 1966

Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/Tetanus/Poliomyelitis

VACCINATION OF PERSONS UNDER AGE 16 COMPLETED DURING 1966

TABLE 1 — COMPLETED PRIMARY COURSES

Type of Vaccine or Dose		Year of Birth					Others under Age 16	TOTAL
		1966	1965	1964	1963	1959-62		
1.	Quadruple	4	45	12	2	4	-	67
2.	Triple	309	752	319	238	367	5	1990
3.	Diphtheria/Pertussis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria/Tetanus	3	5	1	1	8	1	19
5.	Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
6.	Pertussis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Tetanus	-	-	-	-	34	81	115
8.	Salk (Poliomyelitis)	1	11	4	-	1	-	17
9.	Sabin (Poliomyelitis)	209	1064	150	40	88	28	1579
10.	Lines 1,2,3,4 and 5 (Diphtheria)	316	802	332	241	380	6	2077
11.	Lines 1,2,3 and 6 (Whooping Cough)	313	797	331	240	371	5	2057
12.	Lines 1,2,4 and 7 (Tetanus)	316	802	332	241	413	87	2191
13.	Lines 1,8 and 9 (Poliomyelitis)	214	1120	166	42	93	28	1663

TABLE 2 — REINFORCING DOSES

Type of Vaccine or Dose		Year of Birth					Others under Age 16	TOTAL
		1966	1965	1964	1963	1959-62		
1.	Quadruple	-	-	25	2	37	-	64
2.	Triple	-	231	509	91	541	26	1398
3.	Diphtheria/Pertussis	-	-	-	-	14	1	15
4.	Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	9	50	11	936	87	1093
5.	Diphtheria	-	-	1	1	29	7	38
6.	Pertussis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Tetanus	-	-	-	1	28	71	100
8.	Salk (Poliomyelitis)	-	4	14	1	113	1	133
9.	Sabin (Poliomyelitis)	5	38	86	11	1573	77	1790
10.	Lines 1,2,3,4 and 5 (Diphtheria)	-	240	585	105	1557	121	2608
11.	Lines 1,2,3 and 6 (Whooping Cough)	-	231	534	93	592	27	1477
12.	Lines 1,2,4 and 7 (Tetanus)	-	240	584	105	1542	184	2655
13.	Lines 1,8 and 9 (Poliomyelitis)	5	42	125	14	1723	78	1987

SMALLPOX

Number of children vaccinated during 1966

Primary				Revaccinations			
Under 1 year	...	...	33	0 - 15 years	...	...	534
1 - 4 years	...	...	1,308				
5 - 15 years	...	...	116				
Total for year			1,457				534

SMALLPOX (VARIOLA MINOR), JULY 1966

Number of cases notified	...	3	(First case diagnosed 10th July. Admitted to Catherine-de-Barnes Hospital 11th July).
Number of cases confirmed	...	2	
Number of suspects	...	1	(Subsequently Negative).

CONTACTS (DIRECT)

Numbers dealt with by Solihull Public Health Medical Officers:—

at school	86
at home or Public Health Department ...	<u>114</u>
Total	<u>200</u>

Surveillances or physical examinations:—

at school	1,032
at home or Public Health Department ...	<u>1,052</u>
Total	<u>2,084</u>

VACCINATIONS

Staff and contacts vaccinated by Public Health Department

Medical Officers:— 220

Lecture on Thursday, 14th July, 1966

A lecture with lantern slides — on Smallpox Diagnosis — was arranged for all General Practitioners and Nurses in the area. Talks by a Consultant in Infectious Diseases and a Consultant Virologist. Approximately 80 professional people attended, together with the Chairman of the Health Committee and the Mayor of Solihull.

TUBERCULOSIS (B.C.G.)

(a) Contact Scheme

1. No. skin tested	38
2. No. found positive	"
3. No. found negative	38
4. No. vaccinated	38

(b) School Children and Students

1. No. skin tested, ...	1,196
2. No. found positive	123
3. No. found negative	1,073
4. No. vaccinated	1,074

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION, 1967

Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/Tetanus/Poliomyelitis

VACCINATION OF PERSONS UNDER AGE 16 COMPLETED DURING 1967

TABLE 1 — COMPLETED PRIMARY COURSES

Type of Vaccine or Dose		Year of Birth					Others under Age 16	TOTAL
		1967	1966	1965	1964	1960-63		
1.	Quadruple	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
2.	Triple	392	726	172	103	73	7	1473
3.	Diphtheria/Pertussis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	6	4	1	28	16	55
5.	Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
6.	Pertussis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Tetanus	2	-	-	-	12	97	111
8.	Salk (Poliomyelitis)	-	4	3	1	8	5	21
9.	Sabin (Poliomyelitis)	259	1189	147	40	71	17	1723
10.	Lines 1,2,3,4 and 5 (Diphtheria)	392	734	176	104	104	23	1533
11.	Lines 1,2,3 and 6 (Whooping Cough)	392	728	172	103	73	7	1475
12.	Lines 1,2,4 and 7 (Tetanus)	394	734	176	104	113	120	1641
13.	Lines 1,8 and 9 (Poliomyelitis)	259	1195	150	41	79	22	1746

TABLE 2 — REINFORCING DOSES

Type of Vaccine or Dose		Year of Birth					Others under Age 16	TOTAL
		1967	1966	1965	1964	1960-63		
1.	Quadruple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.	Triple	1	420	672	98	641	52	1884
3.	Diphtheria/Pertussis	-	-	2	2	8	-	12
4.	Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	7	45	11	793	118	974
5.	Diphtheria	-	1	1	-	8	1	11
6.	Pertussis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Tetanus	-	-	3	4	13	106	126
8.	Salk (Poliomyelitis)	-	-	5	-	50	5	60
9.	Sabin (Poliomyelitis)	23	43	135	27	1047	133	1408
10.	Lines 1,2,3,4 and 5 (Diphtheria)	1	428	720	111	1450	171	2881
11.	Lines 1,2,3 and 6 (Whooping Cough)	1	420	674	100	649	52	1896
12.	Lines 1,2,4 and 7 (Tetanus)	1	427	720	113	1447	276	2984
13.	Lines 1,8 and 9 (Poliomyelitis)	23	43	140	27	1097	138	1468

SMALLPOX

Number of children vaccinated during 1967

Primary				Revaccinations			
Under 1 year	...	...	153	0 - 15 years	...	...	61
1 - 4 years...	...	...	948				
5 - 15 years	...	...	70				
Total for year			1,171				61

TUBERCULOSIS (B.C.G.)

(a) Contact Scheme

1.	No. skin tested	...	40
2.	No. found positive	...	21
3.	No. found negative	...	40
4.	No. vaccinated	...	49

(b) School Children and Students

1.	No. skin tested	...	1,231
2.	No. found positive	...	98
3.	No. found negative	...	1,113
4.	No. vaccinated	...	1,129

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION, 1968

Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/Tetanus/Poliomyelitis

VACCINATION OF PERSONS UNDER AGE 16 COMPLETED DURING, 1968

TABLE 1 — COMPLETED PRIMARY COURSES

Type of Vaccine or Dose		Year of Birth					Others under Age 16	TOTAL
		1968	1967	1966	1965	1961-64		
1.	Quadruple							
2.	Triple	383	812	326	73	112	11	1717
3.	Diphtheria/Pertussis							
4.	Diphtheria/Tetanus		2	6	1		51	60
5.	Diphtheria					1		1
6.	Pertussis							
7.	Tetanus		1	2	2	2	32	39
8.	Salk (Poliomyelitis)							
9.	Sabin (Poliomyelitis)	380	1202	124	38	67	26	1837
10.	Measles	19	332	477	467	956	66	2317
11.	Lines 1,2,3,4 and 5 (Diphtheria)	383	814	332	74	113	62	1778
12.	Lines 1,2,3, and 6 (Whooping Cough)	383	812	326	73	112	11	1717
13.	Lines 1,2,4 and 7 (Tetanus)	383	815	334	76	114	94	1816
14.	Lines 1,8 and 9 (Poliomyelitis)	380	1202	124	38	67	26	1837

TABLE 2 — REINFORCING DOSES

Type of Vaccine or Dose		Year of Birth					Others under Age 16	TOTAL
		1968	1967	1966	1965	1961-64		
1.	Quadruple							
2.	Triple	15	351	678	102	539	125	1810
3.	Diphtheria/Pertussis							
4.	Diphtheria/Tetanus	2	30	24	21	973	526	1576
5.	Diphtheria					2	1	3
6.	Pertussis							
7.	Tetanus	2	9	4	3	44	336	398
8.	Salk (Poliomyelitis)							
9.	Sabin (Poliomyelitis)	27	160	216	59	1448	469	2379
10.	Measles							
11.	Lines 1,2,3,4 and 5 (Diphtheria)	17	381	702	123	1514	652	3389
12.	Lines 1,2,3 and 6 (Whooping Cough)	15	351	678	102	539	125	1810
13.	Lines 1,2,4 and 7 (Tetanus)	19	390	706	126	1556	987	3784
14.	Lines 1,8 and 9 (Poliomyelitis)	27	160	216	59	1448	469	2379

SMALLPOX

Number of children vaccinated during 1968.

Primary				Revaccinations			
Under 1 year	...	...	74	0 — 15 years	...	...	281
1 — 4 years...	...	...	972				
5 — 15 years	...	...	82				
Total for year			1,128				281

TUBERCULOSIS (B.C.G.)

(a) Contact Scheme

1.	No. skin tested	...	66
2.	No. found positive	...	
3.	No. found negative	...	59
4.	No. vaccinated	...	61

(b) School Children and Students

1.	No. skin tested	...	1,182
2.	No. found positive	...	139
3.	No. found negative	...	1,043
4.	No. vaccinated	...	1,043

DENTAL TREATMENT FOR EXPECTANT AND
NURSING MOTHERS AND PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

	<i>Expectant and Nursing Mothers</i>				<i>Pre-school children</i>			
	1965	1966	1967	1968	1965	1966	1967	1968
Examined	36	18	20	13	380	348	338	248
Needing treatment	27	16	17	* 11	252	261	212	133
* Treated	* 23	* 23	* 16	* 11	* 192	* 243	* 195	* 126
* Made Dentally fit	* 22	* 17	* 15	* 13	* 183	* 230	* 174	* 159

* Including cases carried over from previous year.

DISTRIBUTION OF WELFARE FOODS —
NATIONAL WELFARE FOODS SCHEME, 1965

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The following table gives particulars of issues of Welfare Foods to the public from the various Distribution Centres:—

<i>Distribution Centre</i>	<i>National Dried Milk Tins</i>	<i>Cod Liver Oil Bottles</i>	<i>Vitamin Tablets Pkts. of 20</i>	<i>Orange Juice Bottles</i>
Temple Stores	125	38	4	382
Wagon Lane C.W.C.	236	145	92	1188
Davies, Lode Lane	1113	103	124	3041
Hobs Moat C.W.C.	1149	389	400	3956
Olton C.W.C.	424	144	166	2062
"Iris", Oxhill Road	519	65	121	2327
Halifax Road C.W.C.	1591	407	607	6964
"Lavinia", Colebrook Road	166	-	-	597
Cole Green C.W.C.	186	118	170	1592
"Anne", Haslucks Green Road	404	125	145	2860
Monkspath Stores... ..	-	15	-	68
Dorridge C.W.C.	136	115	128	2899
Bentley Heath C.W.C.	-	15	25	319
Knowle C.W.C.	36	161	153	2812
Solihull C.W.C.	532	237	534	6000
Public Health	212	141	78	864
	<u>6829</u>	<u>2218</u>	<u>2747</u>	<u>37931</u>

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Temple Stores	145	16	14	339
Wagon Lane C.W.C.	128	190	70	1480
Davies, Lode Lane	632	102	97	2903
Hobs Moat C.W.C.	894	334	429	5030
Olton C.W.C.	385	129	133	2031
"Janet", Oxhill Road	1018	45	161	2841
Halifax Road C.W.C.	1346	396	557	7111
"Lavinia", Colebrook Road	102	-	-	448
Cole Green C.W.C.	227	107	146	1193
"Anne", Haslucks Green Road	527	127	147	2878
Monkspath Stores... ..	175	15	-	184
Corner Oak... ..	80	20	26	37
Dorridge C.W.C.	32	128	138	2904
Bentley Heath C.W.C.	-	17	25	319
Knowle C.W.C.	172	129	169	2959
Solihull C.W.C.	455	238	521	6377
Public Health	150	131	55	914
	<u>6468</u>	<u>2124</u>	<u>2688</u>	<u>39948</u>

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Temple Stores	62	7	-	240
Wagon Lane C.W.C.	114	165	70	1419
Davies, Lode Lane	692	38	102	2742
Hobs Moat C.W.C.	733	305	525	6138
Olton C.W.C.	347	145	173	2376
"Janet", Oxhill Road	741	43	94	2582
Halifax Road C.W.C.	1506	316	520	6677
"Lavinia", Colebrook Road	18	-	-	504
Cole Green C.W.C.	241	78	147	1235
"Anne", Haslucks Green Road	314	102	153	3058
Monkspath Stores	80	10	-	184
Corner Oak	-	4	15	33
Dorridge C.W.C.	6	95	131	3152
Bentley Heath C.W.C.	-	5	21	323
Knowle C.W.C.	77	86	137	2686
Solihull C.W.C.	430	212	480	6664
Public Health	250	118	52	864
	<u>5611</u>	<u>1729</u>	<u>2620</u>	<u>40877</u>

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Temple Stores	65	4	-	176
Wagon Lane C.W.C.	79	185	42	916
Davies, Lode Lane	506	44	65	2631
Hobs Moat C.W.C.	1121	364	476	5145
Olton C.W.C.	222	149	126	2424
"Janet", Oxhill Road	762	39	54	1964
Halifax Road C.W.C.	1291	268	532	5905
"Lavinia", Colebrook Road	24	-	-	528
Cole Green C.W.C.	291	76	121	1071
"Anne", Haslucks Green Road	489	81	146	3242
Monkspath Stores	75	3	7	247
Corner Oak	-	-	99	17
Dorridge C.W.C.	65	55	77	2519
Bentley Heath C.W.C.	-	4	8	261
Knowle C.W.C.	82	92	170	2582
Solihull C.W.C.	409	223	440	6504
Public Health	281	90	38	861
"Linleys", Hobs Moat Road	516	63	65	1288
	<u>6278</u>	<u>1740</u>	<u>2466</u>	<u>38281</u>

LOAN SCHEME

ITEMS ISSUED	1965		1966	
	No.	* Items still on Loan at 31.12.65	No	* Items still on Loan at 31.12.66
<i>Beds and Bedding</i>				
Beds, Hospital and other types ...	26	11	12	9
Beds, Side Rail ...	3	2	7	4
Blankets ...	3	5	2	-
Mattresses, Dunlopillo ...	31	16	17	15
Pillows, Staff and Foam ...	2	9	-	-
Pillow Cases ...	2	8	4	1
Sheets, Staff ...	4	4	3	1
Sheeting, Rubber and Plastic, etc. ...	37	46	60	56
<i>Bed Accessories</i>				
Air Rings ...	9	4	17	8
Alarms ...	63	47	52	42
Back Rests ...	59	17	63	36
Back Rest Covers ...	10	3	38	11
Bed Boards ...	6	10	14	9
Bed Cradles ...	47	20	24	20
Bed Pans ...	136	70	136	93
Bed Tables ...	9	1	4	-
Bottles, Urine ...	18	12	21	16
Cushions, Dunlopillo ...	40	16	53	21
Poles, Lifting ...	20	12	15	11
Pressure Pad Units ...	7	-	4	1
Sheets, Draw ...	17	39	17	36
<i>Orthopaedic Accessories</i>				
Carriages, Spinal ...	1	-	-	-
Chairs, Invalid folding ...	114	82	113	73
Crutches, all types ...	8	17	19	8
Hoists ...	5	1	4	4
Slings ...	7	5	7	5
Sticks, walking, tripod and quadruped ...	36	28	41	40
Walking Aids ...	74	58	69	75
Tongs ...	1	3	-	2
<i>Miscellaneous</i>				
Commodore, all types ...	125	78	124	94
Seats, Bath ...	5	5	4	7
	<u>925</u>	<u>629</u>	<u>934</u>	<u>698</u>

* Including items issued from previous years.

LOAN SCHEME

ITEMS ISSUED	1967		1968	
	No.	* Items still on Loan at 31/12.67	No.	* Items still on Loan at 31.12.68
<i>Beds and Bedding</i>				
Beds, Hospital and other types	18	9	18	8
Beds, Side Rail	4	4	4	4
Blankets	2	-	4	4
Mattresses, Dunlopillo	24	13	23	15
Pillows, Staff and Foam	2	6	3	6
Pillow Cases	5	2	3	2
Sheets, Staff	4	-	8	4
Sheeting, Rubber and Plastic, etc. ...	52	70	46	86
<i>Bed Accessories</i>				
Air Rings	8	4	15	20
Alarms	66	53	52	45
Back Rests	67	43	66	46
Back Rest Covers	39	19	39	29
Bed Boards	7	10	8	77
Bed Cradles	42	29	46	35
Bed Pans	185	118	149	124
Bed Tables	4	4	2	4
Bottles, Urine	45	21	26	23
Cushions, Dunlopillo	55	26	54	31
Poles, Lifting	14	11	11	13
Pressure Pad Units	4	1	9	3
Sheets, Draw	27	52	18	44
<i>Orthopaedic Accessories</i>				
Carriages Spinal	-	1	1	1
Chairs, Invalid folding and self-propelling	120	85	123	90
Crutches, all types	16	19	12	15
Hoists	4	3	4	3
Slings	4	6	4	7
Sticks, walking, tripod and quadruped ...	42	44	43	54
Tongs, helping hand	1	3	-	3
Walking Aids	91	120	129	113
<i>Miscellaneous</i>				
Commodore, all types	158	115	121	121
Seats, Bath	3	6	4	6
	<u>1113</u>	<u>897</u>	<u>1045</u>	<u>966</u>

* Including items issued from previous years.

HOME HELP SERVICE

The Home Help Service operating in Solihull provides help in cases of maternity, sickness, convalescence, old age and infirmity or any emergency in the household due to illness.

An analysis of the cases dealt with is given below:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Aged 65 or over</i>	<i>Aged under 65 chronic sick and tuberculous</i>	<i>Maternity</i>	<i>Others</i>	<i>Total No. of 'hours worked by Home Helps</i>
1965	168	9	95	53	60,782
1966	155	3	84	17	62,960
1967	183	7	80	60	67,050
1968	190	10	86	57	67,959

The standard charge at the end of 1968 for the Home Help Service was 5/3d. per hour. Reduction of this charge in part is based on an approved scale.

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HANDICAPPED PERSONS

	<i>Handicapped persons on Register</i>	<i>Car Badges issued to Disabled Drivers</i>	<i>Holidays arranged by the Authority</i>		<i>No. of people given Financial assistance for adaptations to their homes</i>
			<i>Individual</i>	<i>Group</i>	
1965	202	11	3	1	2
1966	219	8	2	1	3
1967	272	9	1	1	2
1968	283	8	5	1	2

INCIDENCE OF BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED PERSONS

The Medical Officer of Health is responsible for arrangements for certification for registration.

(a) Registered Blind Persons

Age distribution				1965		1966		1967		1968	
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Age under 1 year	...	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 10 years	...	...	...	2	1	2	-	2	-	2	-
11 - 15 years	...	...	...	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1
16 - 20 years	...	...	...	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
21 - 29 years	...	...	...	4	3	3	2	5	2	6	2
30 - 39 years	...	...	...	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	3
40 - 49 years	...	...	...	4	2	2	1	3	-	2	1
50 - 59 years	...	...	...	3	4	5	6	4	8	4	6
60 - 64 years	...	...	...	1	-	1	-	2	1	3	3
65 - 69 years	...	...	...	2	2	2	2	3	1	1	1
70 - 79 years	...	...	...	3	8	4	8	2	8	6	8
80 - 84 years	...	...	...	7	8	3	7	6	11	2	7
85 - 89 years	...	...	...	5	10	6	11	4	10	6	12
90 - ...	...	...	...	2	8	1	7	3	8	3	11
Unknown	...	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
				37	51	35	50	40	54	42	56

(b) Registered Partially Sighted

Age distribution				1965		1966		1967		1968	
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Age under 5 years	...	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15 years	...	...	...	5	-	5	-	5	-	6	-
16 - 20 years	...	...	...	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1
21 - 49 years	...	...	...	4	-	4	-	5	1	6	2
50 - 64 years	...	...	...	2	1	3	1	3	1	3	1
65 and over...	...	...	...	4	6	3	7	4	10	4	9
				17	8	17	9	18	14	20	13

BLIND WELFARE, 1968

The services for the blind include home visiting, teaching of crafts and of Braille and Moon.

Fortnightly craft classes are held at The Manor House, Solihull, and on the second Tuesday, virtually every month, a social is also held at The Manor House.

Annual events include the Christmas party, the Bulb Show and various summer outings.

Voluntary help is obtained from many sources including the Inner Wheel who very kindly give a garden party every summer for members of the social club for the blind.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER

The Borough is supplied with mains water by the water undertakings of the Cities of Birmingham and Coventry, more than 90% coming from Birmingham.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF HOUSES, FLATS AND SHOPS WITH LIVING ACCOMMODATION SERVED BY:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Birmingham</i>	<i>Coventry</i>
1965	29,827	1,959
1966	30,916	2,018
1967	31,962	2,070
1968	32,805	2,212

SAMPLES FROM WATER MAINS

As a matter of routine, each water supply was sampled twice during each year. Samples were submitted for both Chemical Analysis and Bacteriological Examination and all proved satisfactory.

Typical results of the chemical analyses are shown below:—

	<i>Birmingham Water Mains</i>	<i>Coventry Water Mains</i>
<i>Results expressed in parts per 1,000,000</i>		
Appearance... ..	Bright, few small particles	Bright few small particles
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	0.028	0.
Albuminoid Nitrogen	0.02	0.092
Chlorine in Chlorides	13.9	26.1
Nitrate Nitrogen	0.3	0.2
Oxygen absorbed from permanganate at 27°C in 4 hours	1.0	0.8
Total Solids dried at 100°C	60.	205.
Nitrite Nitrogen	0.	0.
pH	6.8	7.6
Free Chlorine	0.	0.
Radioactivity	0.	0.
Electrical Conductivity at 20°C	77 micromhos	247 micromhos

The water supplied to Solihull by the Coventry Water Undertaking is a river-derived supply, and in consequence the quality of the water varies with the river flow, although it remains suitable for drinking purposes at all times.

The fluoride content of the City of Birmingham water is stated to be 0.9 p.p.m., and that of the City of Coventry, nil.

NUMBER OF HOUSES SERVED BY PUBLIC WATER MAINS, 1965

(a) *Direct to houses.*

The estimated number of dwelling houses, flats and shops with living accommodation at the end of the year was 31,859; of this number approximately 31,786 were connected direct to the mains.

(b) *By standpipes.*

12 houses were served by mains water from 6 standpipes or taps in outbuildings.

Rural Water Supplies.

At the end of the year, 41 wells serving 61 houses were in active use.

During the year, 3 houses previously served by 3 wells were connected to public mains, and 4 houses previously served by 4 wells were demolished.

Results of Samples of Rural Water Supplies.

Routine samples have been taken for supervisory purposes and a number following complaints. The number of samples submitted to the Public Analyst or Bacteriologist was as follows:—

	<i>Chemical and Bacteriological</i>	<i>Bacteriological only</i>
No. of samples submitted	6	15
No. satisfactory in both tests	6	-
No. unsatisfactory in both tests	-	-
No. satisfactory in chemical tests only	-	-
No. satisfactory in bacteriological tests only ...	-	13
No. unsatisfactory in bacteriological tests only	-	2

The unsatisfactory water samples were from wells chiefly of the shallow type.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The local sewerage system has been further extended by the laying of 1,900 yards of foul sewer and by 4,260 yards of surface water sewer, a combined total of 3.5 miles. The arrangements for sewerage and sewage disposal are adequate.

Closet accommodation and Cesspools.

During the year 3 pail closets were converted to water-closets connected to the public sewer and £255.17.6d. was paid by the Council to owners of properties in the form of grants towards the cost of conversion. 2 cesspools serving 2 houses were discontinued following connection of the properties to the public sewer.

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor, who is responsible for the emptying of pail-closets and cesspools, states that at the end of 1965, 85 pail-closets and 206 cesspools were in use in the Council's area and the number of properties drained to cesspools was 281. The majority of these pail closets and cesspools were situated where sewers were not available.

Public Cleansing.

The Council, through the Borough Engineer and Surveyor undertake the removal of house refuse from all premises within the Borough, the ash bin method of storage being general and the system of disposal that of controlled tipping.

Housing.

Number of houses built during the year, including flats:—

Council Houses	...	...	...	...	316
Private houses	...	...	...	...	913

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during year:—

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects
(under Public Health or Housing Acts) 84

Number of dwelling houses (included above) which were inspected
and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 . 11

Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or
injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 11

Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the
preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably
fit for human habitation 73

Houses Demolished or Closed.

Number of houses demolished as a result of procedure under the Housing Acts ... Nil.

Number of persons displaced as a result of above ... Nil

Number of houses closed ... Nil

Number of persons displaced as a result of a Closing Order ... Nil

Permanent Dwellings.

During the year 11 notices were served under the Housing Act inviting owners to appear before the Council when demolition of their property was being considered. Demolition Orders were made later in respect of 6 of these houses.

Temporary Dwellings.

No demolition action was taken during the year under the Housing Act.

Repairs.

Number of houses made fit after informal action ... 7

Number of houses made fit after formal action ... 2

Application for Certificates of Disrepair.

1. Number of applications for certificates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
2. Number of decisions not to issue certificates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
3. Number of decisions to issue certificates									
(a) in respect of some but not all defects	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b) in respect of all defects	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
4. Number of undertakings given by landlords under Paragraph 5 of the First Schedule									4
5. Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5- of the First Schedule	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
6. Number of certificates issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.

Caravans.

There is only one site licensed for caravans, and on this, 32 caravans may be stationed.

This site was first approved in 1948, and only a few improvements were necessary since then to bring the conditions on the site to a very good standard. The caravan dwellers themselves had the water supplies extended to taps over the sinks, replacing the 5 standpipes previously used. One caravan dweller installed a water closet and had it connected to the drainage system instead of using the toilet provided in the sanitary block situated some distance away. This may lead to similar improvements in other caravans, which are now larger than those originally sited.

On one occasion, 14 caravans drew on to land in the district, but as the land was in the ownership of the Council they were soon removed.

NUMBER OF HOUSES SERVED BY PUBLIC WATER MAINS, 1966

(a) Direct to houses.

The estimated number of dwelling houses, flats and shops with living accommodation at the end of the year was 33,007; of this number approximately 32,934 were connected direct to the mains

(b) By standpipes.

12 houses were served by mains water from 6 standpipes or taps in outbuildings

Rural Water Supplies

At the end of the year, 41 wells serving 61 houses were in active use.

Results of Samples of Rural Water Supplies

Routine samples have been taken for supervisory purposes and a number following complaints. The number of samples submitted to the Public Analyst or Bacteriologist was as follows:—

	<i>Chemical and Bacteriological</i>	<i>Bacteriological only</i>
No. of samples submitted	3	6
No. satisfactory in both tests	3	—
No. unsatisfactory in both tests	—	—
No. satisfactory in chemical tests only	—	—
No. satisfactory in bacteriological tests only	—	5
No. unsatisfactory in bacteriological tests only	—	1

The unsatisfactory water samples were from wells chiefly of the shallow type.

Drainage and Sewerage

The local sewerage system has been further extended by the laying of 2,041 yards of foul sewer and by 2,929 yards of surface water sewer, a combined total of 2.8 miles. The arrangements for sewerage and sewage disposal are adequate.

Closet Accommodation and Cesspools.

During the year no pail closets were converted to water closets

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor, who is responsible for the emptying of pail-closets and cesspools, states that at the end of 1966, 85 pail-closets and 200 cesspools were in use in the Council's area and the number of properties drained to cesspools was 269. The majority of these pail-closets and cesspools were situated where sewers were not available.

Public Cleansing.

The Council, through the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, undertake the removal of house refuse from all premises within the Borough. The dustbin method is the general system of storage and controlled tipping at one central tip, is the system of disposal. In the case of larger blocks of flats and commercial premises the container system of collection is in use.

Housing.

Number of houses built during the year, including flats:—

Council houses	...	...	...	...	169
Private houses	...	...	...	...	847

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during year:—

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Number of dwelling houses (included above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26

Houses Demolished or Closed.

Number of houses demolished as a result of procedure under the Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Number of persons displaced as a result of above	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Number of houses closed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of persons displaced as a result of a Closing Order	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.

Permanent Dwellings.

During the year 5 notices were served under the Housing Act inviting owners to appear before the Council when demolition of their property was being considered. Demolition Orders were made later in respect of all of these houses.

Temporary Dwellings.

No demolition action was taken during the year under the Housing Act.

Repairs.

No. of houses made fit after informal action	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
No. of houses made fit after formal action	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

RENT ACT, 1957

Application for Certificates of Disrepair.

1. Number of applications for certificates	4
2. Number of decisions not to issue certificates ..	Nil
3. Number of decisions to issue certificates	
(a) in respect of some but not all defects	Nil
(b) in respect of all defects	4
4. Number of undertakings given by landlords under Paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	3
5. Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	Nil
6. Number of certificates issued	Nil

Caravans.

There is only one site licensed for caravans, and 32 caravans may be stationed

This site was first approved in 1948, and the facilities provided are of a very high standard.

On three occasions during the year, itinerant caravan dwellers were found to have sited their caravans on unlicensed land within the Borough.

A total of 25 caravans was involved. Informal action was taken, resulting in the caravans leaving the district.

NUMBER OF HOUSES SERVED BY PUBLIC WATER MAINS, 1967

(a) Direct to houses.

The estimated number of dwelling houses, flats and shops with living accommodation at the end of the year was 34,105; of this number approximately 34,032 were connected direct to the mains.

(b) By standpipes.

12 houses were served by mains water from 6 standpipes or taps in outbuildings.

Rural Water Supplies.

At the end of the year, 41 wells serving 61 houses were in active use.

Results of Samples of Rural Water Supplies-

Routine samples have been taken for supervisory purposes and a number following complaints. The number of samples submitted to the Public Analyst or Bacteriologist was as follows:-

	<i>Chemical and Bacteriological</i>	<i>Bacteriological only</i>
No. of samples submitted	6	-
No. satisfactory in both tests	2	-
No. unsatisfactory in both tests	3	-
No. satisfactory in chemical tests only	1	-
No. satisfactory in bacteriological tests only	-	-
No. unsatisfactory in bacteriological tests only	1	-

The unsatisfactory water samples were from wells chiefly of the shallow type.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The local sewerage system has been further extended by the laying of 2,445 yards of foul sewer and by 5,053 yards of surface water sewer, a combined total of 4.26 miles. The arrangements for sewerage and sewage disposal are adequate.

Closet Accommodation and Cesspools.

During the year 1 chemical closet was converted to a water-closet.

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor, who is responsible for the emptying of pail-closets and cesspools, states that at the end of 1967, 83 pail-closets and 198 cesspools were in use in the Council's area and the number of properties drained to cesspools was 262. The majority of these pail closets and cesspools were situated where sewers were not available.

Public Cleansing.

The Council, through the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, undertake the removal of house refuse from all premises within the Borough. The dustbin method is the general system of storage, and controlled tipping, at one central tip, is the system of disposal. In the case of larger blocks of flats and commercial premises, the container system of collection is in use.

Housing

Number of houses built during the year, including flats:—

Council houses	266
Private houses	832

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.—

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	153
Number of dwelling houses (included above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	4
Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	4
Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	149

Houses Demolished or Closed.

Number of houses demolished as a result of procedure under the Housing Acts	11
Number of persons displaced as a result of above	21
Number of houses closed	Nil
Number of persons displaced as a result of a Closing Order	Nil

Permanent Dwellings.

During the year 4 notices were served under the Housing Act inviting owners to appear before the Council when demolition of their property was being considered. Demolition Orders were made later in respect of all these houses.

Temporary Dwellings.

No demolition action was taken during the year under the Housing Act.

Repairs.

Number of houses made fit after informal action	10
Number of houses made fit after formal action	

RENT ACT, 1957

Application for Certificates of Disrepair.

1. Number of applications for certificates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
2. Number of decisions not to issue certificates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
3. Number of decisions to issue certificates									
(a) in respect of some but not all defects	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b) in respect of all defects	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
4. Number of undertakings given by landlords under Paragraph 5 of the First Schedule									1
5. Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
6. Number of certificates issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Caravans.

The one site, licensed for 32 caravans, was closed during the year owing to the re-development of the site by the owners for permanent dwellings.

Some of the caravan dwellers were rehoused by the Council, and the remainder found their own caravan sites or alternative housing accommodation.

On 11 occasions during the year, itinerant caravan dwellers were found to have sited their caravans on unlicensed land within the Borough. Informal action was taken, resulting in the caravans leaving the District.

NUMBER OF HOUSES SERVED BY PUBLIC WATER MAINS. 1968

(a) Direct to houses.

The estimated number of dwelling houses, flats and shops with living accommodation at the end of the year was 35,072; of this number approximately 35,017 were connected direct to the mains.

(b) By standpipes.

3 houses were served by mains water from one tap in an outbuilding

Rural Water Supplies.

At the end of the year, 36 wells serving 52 houses were in active use

Results of Samples of Rural Water Supplies.

Routine samples have been taken for supervisory purposes and a number following complaints. The number of samples submitted to the Public Analyst or Bacteriologist was as follows:—

	<i>Chemical and Bacteriological</i>	<i>Bacteriological only</i>
No. of Samples submitted	5	7
No. satisfactory in both tests	1	-
No. unsatisfactory in both tests	3	-
No. satisfactory in chemical tests only	1	-
No. satisfactory in bacteriological tests only	-	2
No. unsatisfactory in bacteriological tests only	-	5

The unsatisfactory water samples were from wells chiefly of the shallow type

Drainage and Sewerage.

The local sewerage system has been further extended by the laying of 5,049 yards of foul sewer and by 7,608 yards of surface water sewer, a combined total of 7.21 miles. The arrangements for sewerage and sewage disposal are adequate

Closet Accommodation and Cesspools.

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor, who is responsible for the emptying of pail-closets and cesspools states that at the end of 1968 65 pail-closets and 180 cesspools were in use in the Council's area and the number of properties drained to cesspools was 229. The majority of these pail closets and cesspools were situated where sewers were not available.

Public Cleansing.

The Council through the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, undertake the removal of house refuse from all premises within the Borough. The dustbin method is the general system of storage and controlled tipping at one central tip, is the system of disposal. In the case of larger blocks of flats and commercial premises, the container system of collection is in use

Housing.

Number of houses built during the year, including flats:—

Council houses 173

Police houses 7

Private houses 787

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:—

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects
(under Public Health or Housing Acts) 107

Number of dwelling houses (included above) which were inspected
and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 ... 29

Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or
injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 29

Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the
preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for
human habitation 78

Houses Demolished or Closed.

Number of houses demolished as a result of procedure under the Housing Acts 15

Number of persons displaced as a result of above 35

Number of houses closed 1

Number of persons displaced as a result of a Closing Order Nil

Permanent Dwellings.

During the year 29 notices were served under the Housing Act, inviting owners to appear before the Council when demolition of their property was being considered. Demolition Orders were made later in respect of 25 of these houses, and one Closing Order was made.

Temporary Dwellings.

No demolition action was taken during the year under the Housing Act.

Repairs.

Number of houses made fit after informal action 43

Number of houses made fit after formal action -

RENT ACT, 1957.

Application for Certificates of Disrepair.

1. Number of applications for certificates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
2. Number of decisions not to issue certificates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
3. Number of decisions to issue certificates									
(a) in respect of some but not all defects	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b) in respect of all defects	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
4. Number of undertakings given by landlords under Paragraph 5 of the First Schedule									Nil
5. Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
6. Number of certificates issued.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Caravans.

There were six occasions in the year when the Council's area was visited by itinerant caravan dwellers, and a total of 21 caravans was involved. This compares with two occasions in 1967 with only 13 caravans involved.

This year saw the introduction of new legislation (Caravan Act, 1968) which was designed to stop "harassment" of caravan dwellers by occupiers of land; and to require Local Authorities to provide suitable permanent sites for these wanderers. Councils must provide sites within their own boundaries OR they may financially assist adjoining Councils to provide them.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD, 1965

Milk Supply.

Thirty two Dealers (Pre-Packed Milk) Licences were operative during 1965 as follows.—

Retail Dairymen 2

Shopkeepers retailing milk 30

Milk Samples.

The following table gives the results of milk samples submitted for bacteriological, phosphatase and turbidity tests.

	UNTREATED		PASTEURISED		STERILISED		TOTALS	
NO. OF SAMPLES	1		75		29		105	
	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
Methylene Blue Test	1	0	75	0	0	0	76	0
Phosphatase Test	0	0	75	0	0	0	75	0
Turbidity Test	0	0	0	0	29	0	29	0

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD, 1966

Milk Supply.

Forty-four Dealers (Pre-Packed Milk) Licences were operative during 1966 as follows:—

Retail Dairymen 2

Shopkeepers retailing milk 42

Milk Samples.

The following table gives the results of milk samples submitted for bacteriological, phosphatase and turbidity tests.

	UNTREATED		PASTEURISED		STERILISED		TOTALS	
NO. OF SAMPLES	0		68		29		97	
	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
Methylene Blue Test	0	0	67	1	0	0	67	1
Phosphatase Test	0	0	67	1	0	0	67	1
Turbidity Test	0	0	0	0	29	0	29	0

Milk Supply.

52 Dealers (Pre-packed Milk) Licences were operative during 1967 as follows:—

Retail Dairymen	2
Shopkeepers retailing milk	50

Milk Samples.

The following table gives the results of milk samples submitted for bacteriological phosphatase and turbidity tests.

	UNTREATED		PASTEURISED		STERILISED		TOTALS	
NO. OF SAMPLES	0		64		32		96	
	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
Methylene Blue Test	0	0	64	0	31	1	95	1
Phosphatase Test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turbidity Test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD, 1968

Milk Supply.

62 Dealers (Pre-packed Milk) Licences were operative during 1968 as follows:—

Retail Dairymen 2

Shopkeepers retailing milk 60

Milk Samples.

The following table gives the results of milk samples submitted for bacteriological phosphatase and turbidity tests.

	UNTREATED		PASTEURISED		STERILISED		TOTALS	
NO. OF SAMPLES	0		79		25		104	
	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
Methylene Blue Test	0	0	74	3	1	0	75	3
Phosphatase Test	0	0	79	0	1	0	80	0
Turbidity Test	0	0	2	0	23	0	25	0

ICE CREAM, 1965/68

Manufacturers.

During the years, 1965/68, there were no manufacturers of ice-cream in the Borough

Vendors.

								1965	1966	1967	1968
Registered and retailing ice cream...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	134	141	168	193
New registrations during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	27	25
Registrations transferred	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	6	3	4

The methylene blue test was used for estimating the bacteriological quality. The results of tests were divided into four grades. Samples were submitted to the test and graded as follows:—

							<i>Grades:</i>			
							1	2	3	4
No. of samples 1965	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	1	2	Nil
No. of samples 1966	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	6	1	Nil
No. of samples 1967	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	1	Nil	Nil
No. of samples 1968	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	1	Nil	Nil

Grade 1 is the highest grade and ice cream placed in Grades 1 and 2 are regarded as satisfactory.

Analysis of ice cream for Fat Content, Sucrose and Milk Solids.

No. of samples 1965	...	...	...	13	~	Satisfactory
No. of samples 1966	...	...	...	20	~	Satisfactory
No. of samples 1967	...	...	...	6	~	Satisfactory
No. of samples 1968	...	...	...	7	~	Satisfactory

By the Food Standards (Ice Cream) Regulations, 1959, Ice Cream is required to contain not less than 5% fat and 7½% milk solids other than fat. In the case of Dairy Ice Cream, Dairy Cream Ice or Cream Ice, the fat must be milk fat. The results of sampling show that ice cream sold in the area has a higher solid content than the legal standard

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

During the years, 1965/68, one slaughterhouse was licensed for the killing of cattle, sheep and pigs and the Regional Office of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food was advised accordingly. The Ministry's Veterinary Officer inspected the slaughterhouse premises and was satisfied that they complied with the Slaughterhouse Regulations

The hygienic conditions in the slaughterhouse were closely supervised and all animals killed were inspected and marked in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963

Slaughtermen

Annual licences were issued as below, entitling the holders to slaughter cattle sheep and pigs

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of slaughtermen</i>
1965	5
1966	4
1967	9
1968	6

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	<i>Cattle excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Horses</i>
Number Killed	423	7	2	3607	912	-
Number Inspected	423	7	2	3607	912	-
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	2	2	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	55	3	-	156	60	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerici	13%	43%	-	4.3%	6.5%	
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	10	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.0%	-
CYSTICERCOSIS						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	1	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED, 1966

	<i>Cattle excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Horses</i>
Number Killed	414	11	4	3294	936	-
Number Inspected	414	11	4	3294	936	-
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	2	2	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	37	2	1	231	54	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerici	8.93%	18.1%	25%	7.01%	5.7%	-
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY						
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	1	1	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	1	0	3	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0	0	25%	0	0.32%	0
CYSTICERCOSIS						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	1	0	0	0	0
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	0	1	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED, 1967

	<i>Cattle excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Horses</i>
Number Killed	469	8	1	3681	1196	-
Number Inspected	469	8	1	3681	1196	-
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	96	3	1	226	92	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	20.5%	37.5%	100%	6.1%	7.7%	-
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	9	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.7%	-
CYSTICERCOSIS						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	2	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	2	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED, 1968

	<i>Cattle excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Horses</i>
Number Killed	401	7	1	3755	1887	-
Number Inspected	401	7	1	3755	1887	-
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	3	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	57	3	-	275	176	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerici	14.4%	43.%	-	7.4%	9.5%	-
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	11	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.59%	-
CYSTICERCOSIS						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	1	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Frequent inspections of premises at which food is stored or manufactured were made by the Public Health Inspectors. Every opportunity is taken to discuss with persons employed in these premises the various requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

Lectures were given to students, local associations, staff of food premises, etc.

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Samples of Food purchased during 1965

Alcoholic Beverages	4
Baby Food	1
Biscuits	1
Cakes etc.	6
Cereals	6
Cheese	4
Condiments	7
Drugs	19
Fats	4
Fish	4
Flavourings and Colourings	4
Flour	4
Fruit	2
Herbs	1
Jams etc.	6
Meat Products	18
Milk Products	7
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	8
Pastes, Spreads etc.	14
Poultry	4
Puddings	4
Sauces	6
Sausages	14
Soft Drinks	9
Soups	8
Sweets	8
Vegetables	6
Yeast	1

	Total number of samples taken	
	Formal	Informal
Milk	-	64
Miscellaneous Food and Drugs	1	179

Of these, 63 samples of Milk and 170 informal samples of other Food and Drugs were reported as genuine.

The results of unsatisfactory samples of food and drugs found as a result of routine sampling were as follows:—

Sample No.	Article	Nature of Contravention	Remarks
4628	Rich Game Soup with Red Wine	Not specific in list of ingredients.	Manufacturer agreed to alter label.
17	Instant Low Fat Milk	Unsatisfactory label	Of foreign manufacture. Importer agreed to alter label to comply with the Dried Milk Regulations, 1965.
19	Untreated Milk	Deficient of 30% fat.	Sample from automatic vending machine. Farmer/Retailer advised of the need for the proper mixing of the milk from all cows. Repeat samples satisfactory.

<i>Sample No.</i>	<i>Article</i>	<i>Nature of Contravention</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
38	Pork Sausages	Low in meat content — contained 56%.	Referred to manufacturer. Repeat samples satisfactory.
77	Minced Chicken in jelly.	Low in chicken content — contained 64%	Referred to manufacturer who referred it to the British Food Manufacturing Industries Research Association for experimental work to be carried out. Investigations still proceeding.
112	Frosting Mix	Contained an emulsifier not permitted under the Emulsifiers and Stabilisers in Food Regulations, 1962.	Of American manufacture. Referred to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and the Importer. Importer agreed to cease importation.
165	Minced Chicken in jelly	Low in chicken content — contained 58%	Referred to manufacturer. (Different brand to sample No.77 above).
184	Minced Beef	Contained preservative	Formal sample taken — see sample No.187.
187	Minced Beef	Contained preservative — 155 p.p.m. Sulphur-dioxide	Formal sample. Council resolved that a Warning Letter be sent to the retail shop manager.
213	Parrish's Chemical food.	Unsatisfactory label	Manufacturer agreed to alter label.
223	Sweets	Contained 4 p.p.m. lead	Repeat samples satisfactory (Below maximum permitted lead content of 2 p.p.m.).

Complaints received from members of the public

Total number of complaints received	...	...	...	78
Number of complaints where samples were submitted to the Public Analyst for examination	...	...	...	40
Number of complaints where samples were examined in the Department	...	...	...	38

All the complaints were satisfactorily disposed of by Informal Action taken with Importers, Manufacturers, or Retailers, with the exception of the following, which were reported to the Council for consideration:—

<i>Sample No.</i>	<i>Article</i>	<i>Remarks</i>	<i>Action</i>
2	Cheese	Contaminated with mould	Warning
3	Bread	Contained a splinter of wood	Warning
60	Cornflakes	Contained a piece of metal	Warning
63	Ice Lolly	Contained black foreign matter	Warning
83	Corned Beef	Contained pieces of solder	Warning

Sample No.	Article	Remarks	Action
90	Bread	Contaminated with mould	Warning
93	Faggots	Contaminated with mould	Warning
95	Ham	Contaminated with maggots	Warning
-	Sausage Rolls	Contaminated with mould	Warning
117	Chocolate Eclair	Contaminated with mould	Warning
144	Crumpets	Contaminated with mould	Legal proceedings. Fine of £15 with £2 2.0d. Advocate's Fee.
145	Bread	Contained a cigarette end	Legal proceedings. Fine of £25 with £3 13.6d. Costs and £2 2.0d. Advocate's Fee.
-	Milk	Contained a spider	Warning.

Other Food Preparation Premises, 1965

Routine inspections of commercial kitchens, works canteens and of vehicles from which food is sold were made during the year.

Food Premises.

(1) Number of food premises in the area by type of business:—

Category	No. of premises	No. fitted with washhand basins	No. to which Reg. 19 applies	No. fitted with sinks
Butchers	55	53	55	55
Cafes and Snack Bars	23	21	23	23
Confectioners (bread, cakes pastries, chocolates and sweets)	93	81	91	90
Fishmongers	9	6	9	6
Fried Fish and Chips	7	7	7	7
Fruiterers and Green grocers	49	35	43	45
Groceries and provisions	130	104	111	111
Off Licences	25	24	25	25
Licensed Premises	33	20	33	33
	<u>424</u>	<u>351</u>	<u>397</u>	<u>395</u>

(2) Number of registered food premises under Section 97 of the Solihull Urban District Council Act, 1936:—

Ice Cream Vendors	...	...	...	...	...	134
Wholesale Distributors	...	...	...	...	...	2
Manufacturers of Meat Products	...	...	...	...	...	12

(3) Inspection of

(a) Registered Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	214
(b) Other Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	290

(4) Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

There has been a ready compliance with the requirements of the Regulations, and the following work was done during the year:—

Hot or cold water supplies provided	...	...	...	...	9
Wash hand basins fitted	...	...	...	...	6
Sinks fitted...	...	...	...	...	2
Clothes Lockers, etc, provided	...	...	...	...	3
Washhand notices provided	...	...	...	...	6
Structural defects remedied	...	...	...	...	58
Walls, etc, cleaned	...	...	...	...	84
Ventilation improved or provided	...	...	...	...	8
Additional fittings, working surfaces improved	...	...	...	...	25
First Aid Boxes provided or replenished...	...	...	...	...	10
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	76

(5) The amount and method of disposal of condemned food:—

The following food was examined and disposed of by burial in the refuse tip after inspection had shown that it was unfit for human consumption:—

	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Qrs.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>
Meat and Offal	...	10	3	7
Miscellaneous tinned foods	1	7	3	4
Other Foods	-	12	1	21
	2	11	0	4

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT SAMPLING, 1966

The work done during 1966:—

	<i>Total number of samples taken</i>	
	<i>Formal</i>	<i>Informal</i>
Milk	2	42
Miscellaneous Food and Drugs	1	156

Of these, 44 samples of milk and 152 samples of Other Food and Drugs were reported as genuine.

The results of unsatisfactory samples of Food and Drugs found as a result of routine sampling were as follows:—

<i>Sample No.</i>	<i>Article</i>	<i>Nature of Contravention</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
232	Blackcurrant Health Drink	Contained excess S.O. ₂ of permitted quantity. Also size of letters on label less than ½".	Manufacturers changed label to conform with requirements. Also altered amount of added S.O. ₂ to the permitted quantity.
315	Orange Juice	Label unsatisfactory. Contained words claiming presence of Vitamin C. Amount of Vitamin C not declared.	Of Foreign manufacture. Retailers cleared all stocks and not re-ordering. Importers asking producers to alter labels.
364	Pork Sausage	Meat content 61% and low in lean meat content.	Manufacturers altered recipe and operating procedures. Repeat samples satisfactory.
380	Mince-meat flavoured with Brandy.	Soluble solids 62% instead of 65% minimum under Preserves Order. 1953.	Manufacturers using a higher proportion of dried fruit in place of raw apples and raw sugar which occasionally affects the % of soluble solids.
385	Chocolate Dietetic Wafer.	Unsatisfactory Label. Sodium declared 3.3 mg/wafer. Found 6 mg. Fat declared 8.58 mg/wafer, Found 7.0 mg.	Chief Chemist of the Foreign Manufacturers stated:— The even spreading of the chocolate and cream filling over the wafers is difficult to control hence the amount on 1 wafer may vary causing discrepancies on analysis. Accepted by Public Analyst.

Complaints received from members of the public.

Total number of complaints received		71
Number of complaints where samples were submitted to the Public Analyst for examination		15
Number of complaints where samples were examined in the Department.		44
Number of complaints referred to other Authorities where food was purchased outside the County Borough		12

All the complaints were satisfactorily disposed of by Informal Action taken with Importers, Manufacturers and Retailers with the exception of the following which were reported to the Council for consideration:—

<i>Complaint No.</i>	<i>Article</i>	<i>Remarks</i>	<i>Action</i>
3	Chicken Croquettes	Contaminated with mould.	Warning letter from Town Clerk.
6	Bread.	Containing dirty dough.	Legal Proceedings. Fine £30 with £4 4.0d. Advocate's fee and £3 18.0d. costs.
8	Sponge Sandwich	Contained a fly.	Warning letter from Town Clerk.
15	Bread	Containing piece of match stick.	Legal Proceedings. Fine of £10 plus £3 3.0d. Advocate's fee and £3.18.0d. costs.
16	Bread	Contained dirty dough	Warning letter from Town Clerk.
18	Battenburg Cake	Contained particles of rust.	Warning letter from Town Clerk.
21	Sausages	Sour.	Legal proceedings. Fine of £10 plus £3 3.0d. Advocate's fee.
26	Pork Pie	Contaminated with mould.	Warning letter from Town Clerk.
28	Bread	Containing dirty dough.	Warning letter from Town Clerk.
29	Bread	Contaminated with mould	Legal proceedings. Fine of £15 plus £5 5.0d. Advocate's Fee.
30	Sponge Puddings	Contaminated with mould	Legal Proceedings. Fine of £10 plus £3 3.0d. Advocate's Fee.
31	Tea Cake	Contaminated with mould	Legal Proceedings. Fine of £10 plus £3 3.0d. Advocate's Fee.
33	Bread	Contaminated with mould	Legal Proceedings. Fine of £10 plus £5 5.0d. Advocate's fee.
34	Fruit Pie	Contaminated with mould	Legal Proceedings. Fine of £10 plus £7 7.0d. Advocate's Fee and £3 10.0d. Costs.
36	Baby Food	Contaminated with mould	Warning letter from Town Clerk.
37	Chocolate Swiss Roll	Contaminated with mould	Legal Proceedings. Fine of £10 plus £7 7.0d. Advocate's Fee.
47	Sweets	Contained piece of brick.	Warning letter from Town Clerk.
48	Sponge Roll	Contained a wasp	Legal Proceedings. Fine of £20 plus £7 7.0d. Advocate's fee and £3 18.0d. costs.

<i>Complaint No.</i>	<i>Article</i>	<i>Remarks</i>	<i>Action</i>
49	Apple Turnovers	Contaminated with mould	Legal Proceedings. Fine of £20 plus £7 7.0d. Advocate's fee
50	Faggots	Contaminated with mould	Warning letter from Town Clerk.
56	Fruit Pie	Contaminated with mould	Legal Proceedings. Fine of £15 plus £5 5.0d. Advocate's Fee.
69	Sausages	Sour	Warning letter from Town Clerk.

Samples of Food purchased during 1966.

Alcoholic Beverages	6
Cakes etc.	5
Cereals	6
Cheese	1
Condiments	2
Drugs	9
Fats	1
Fish	4
Flavourings and colourings	14
Flour	1
Fruit	3
Herbs	8
Jams etc.	4
Meat Products	16
Milk Products	8
Non Alcoholic Beverages	6
Pastes, Spreads etc.	9
Poultry	5
Puddings	2
Sauces	9
Sausages	8
Soft Drinks	7
Soups	8
Sweets	10
Vegetables	3
Yeast	2

Other Food Preparation Premises, 1966.

Routine Inspections of commercial kitchens, works canteens and of vehicles from which food was sold were made during the year.

Food Premises.

(1) Number of food premises in the area by type of business:—

Category	No. of premises	No. fitted with washhand basins	No. to which Reg. 19 applies	No. fitted with sinks
Bakehouses	6	6	6	6
Bakers (Bread and Cake shops)	15	12	11	12
Butchers	56	50	56	53
Cafes	20	20	20	20
Canteens (a) Factory	8	8	8	8
(b) Other	3	2	3	3
Chemists	22	17	11	15
Clubs	21	21	21	21
Confectioners	85	68	75	71
Fishmongers	5	4	5	4
Fried Fish Shops	9	7	9	7
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	53	42	52	43
Grocery and Provisions	124	106	120	111
Hotels	6	6	3	3
Milk Distributors	3	3	3	2
Off Licences	33	30	17	28
Public Houses	29	25	28	25
Restaurants	5	5	5	5
School Kitchens	48	48	48	48
Wholesale Food Stores and Depots	3	3	3	2
Other food premises	12	12	11	11
	<u>566</u>	<u>495</u>	<u>515</u>	<u>498</u>

(2) Number of registered food premises under Section 97 of the Solihull Urban District Council Act, 1936:—

Ice Cream Vendors	...	...	...	...	...	...	141
Wholesale Distributors	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Manufacturers of Meat Products	...	...	...	...	...	...	12

(3) Inspections of:—

(a) Registered Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	344
(b) Other Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	364

(4) Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

There has been a ready compliance with the requirements of the Regulations, and the following work was done during the year:—

Hot or cold water supplies provided	...	...	...	...	11
Wash hand basins fitted	...	...	...	...	6
Sinks fitted	...	...	...	...	5
Clothes Lockers, etc. provided	...	...	...	...	1
Washhand notices provided	...	...	...	...	14
Structural defects remedied	...	...	...	...	41
Walls, etc. cleaned	...	...	...	...	59

Ventilation improved or provided	...	...	...	...	3
Additional fittings, working surfaces improved	...	...	...	...	37
First Aid Boxes provided or replenished	...	...	...	...	17
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	43

(5) The amount and method of disposal of condemned food.—

The following food was examined and disposed of by burial in the refuse tip after inspection had shown that it was unfit for human consumption:—

		<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Qrs.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>
Meat and Offal		..	9	3	18
Miscellaneous tinned foods		..	12	0	20
Other Foods		-	18	0	24
Total		2	0	1	6

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT SAMPLING, 1967

The work done during 1967:—

	<i>Total number of samples taken</i>	
	<i>Formal</i>	<i>Informal</i>
Milk	—	43
Miscellaneous Food and Drugs	—	170

Of these, 43, samples of Milk and 167 samples of Other Food and Drugs were reported as genuine.

The results of unsatisfactory samples of Food and Drugs found as a result of routine sampling were as follows:—

<i>Sample No.</i>	<i>Article</i>	<i>Nature of Contravention</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
456	Bamboo shoots	Contained 275 p.p.m. of tin	Of foreign manufacture. Referred to importers who took matter up with the canners.
469	Chow Chow in Syrup	Contained a beetle	Of foreign manufacture. Referred to importers who took matter up with the canners.
622	Wild Duck Consomme	Unsatisfactory label. List of ingredients in wrong order according to amounts found on analysis.	Manufacturers altered method of packing and installed mechanical filling of cans.

Complaints received from members of the public

Total number of complaints received		91
Number of complaints where samples were submitted to the Public Analyst for examination		20
Number of complaints where samples were examined in the Department		54
Number of complaints referred to other Authorities where food was purchased outside the County Borough		17

All the complaints were satisfactorily disposed of by Informal Action taken with Importers, Manufacturers and Retailers, with the exception of the following which were reported to the Council for consideration.

<i>Complaint No.</i>	<i>Article</i>	<i>Remarks</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Date and Walnut Cake	Contained a nail	Warning letter from Town Clerk
8	Crumpets	Contaminated with mould	Warning letter from Town Clerk
9	Chicken	Partly decomposed	Legal Proceedings. Fine of £8 plus £7 7.0d. Advocates fee.

<i>Complaint No.</i>	<i>Article</i>	<i>Remarks</i>	<i>Action</i>
11	Bread	Contaminated with rust	Warning letter from Town Clerk.
26	Shelled peanuts	Contained mummified body of mouse.	Warning letter from Town Clerk.
32	Blackcurrant pie filling.	Contained a snail	Warning letter from Town Clerk.
38	Yoghourt	Contaminated with mould	Warning letter from Town Clerk.
45	Cornish Pastie	Contaminated with mould	Warning letter from Town Clerk.
52.	Gingerbread cake	Contaminated with mould	Warning letter from Town Clerk.
59	Chocolate cake	Contaminated with mould	Legal proceedings. Fined £10 plus £3 3.0d. Advocate's fee.
60	Sponge Sandwich	Contaminated with mould	Legal proceedings. Case dismissed.
61	Loaf of Bread	Contaminated with mould	Warning letter from Town Clerk.
69	Loaf of Bread	Contaminated with mould	Warning letter from Town Clerk.
72	Bottle of Milk	Contained pieces of glass	Warning letter from Town Clerk.
77	Steak & Kidney	Alleged to contain no kidney.	Legal proceedings. Case dismissed.
79	Bottle of Milk	Contained pieces of glass.	Warning letter from Town Clerk.
86	Porridge Meal	Contaminated with rodent excreta.	Warning letter from Town Clerk.

Samples of Food purchased during 1967.

Cakes etc.	9
Cereals	7
Cheese	6
Condiments	7
Drugs	21
Fats	3
Fish and Shellfish	7
Flavourings and colourings	8
Flour	1
Fruit	5
Herbs	1
Jams etc.	4
Meat Products	14
Milk Products	6
Beverages	12
Pastes, Spreads etc.	4
Poultry	5
Puddings	3
Sauces	5
Sausages	13
Soft Drinks	3

Soups	3
Sweets	8
Vegetables	6
Yeast	3
Jellies	2
Nuts	3
Sugar	1

Other Food Preparation Premises, 1967

Routine inspections of Commercial kitchens, works canteens and of vehicles from which food was sold were made during the year.

Food Premises

(1) Number of food premises in the area by type of business:—

<i>Category</i>	<i>No. of premises</i>	<i>No. fitted with washhand basins</i>	<i>No. to which Reg. 19 applies</i>	<i>No. fitted with sinks</i>
Bakehouses	7	7	7	7
Bakers (Bread and Cake Shops)	14	14	14	14
Butchers	59	52	59	59
Cafes	20	20	20	20
Canteens (a) Factory	10	10	10	10
(b) Other	12	12	12	12
Chemists	12	9	7	10
Clubs	25	23	25	25
Confectioners	77	60	71	64
Fishmongers	4	4	4	4
Fried Fish Shops	11	10	11	11
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	48	41	48	37
Grocers and provisions	107	97	107	104
Hotels	6	5	6	6
Milk Distributors	3	3	2	3
Off Licences	27	21	20	24
Public Houses	34	34	34	34
Restaurants	11	11	11	11
School Kitchens	13	12	13	12
Wholesale Food Stores and Depots	3	3	3	3
Other Food Premises	11	10	11	10
	<u>514</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>495</u>	<u>480</u>

(2) Number of registered food premises under Section 97 of the Solihull Urban District Council Act, 1936:—

Ice Cream Vendors	...	...	...	...	...	171
Wholesale Distributors	...	...	...	...	...	2
Manufacturers of Meat Products	...	...	...	...	...	12

(3) Inspection of

(a) Registered Food Premises	...	...	...	...	463
(b) Other Food Premises	...	...	...	...	509
(c) Vehicles and Stalls	...	...	...	...	44

(4) Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

There has been a ready compliance with the requirements of the Regulations, and the following work was done during the year:—

Accommodation for clothing provided	...	...	...	8
Cleanliness improved	...	...	...	210
First aid boxes provided/replenished	...	...	...	38
Food protected	...	...	...	27
Lighting improved/provided	...	...	...	41
Notices provided	...	...	...	39
Sanitary conveniences improved	...	...	...	52
Sinks fitted	...	...	...	11
Structural defects remedied	...	...	...	59
Ventilation improved/provided	...	...	...	15
Wash-hand basins fitted	...	...	...	14
Water supplies provided	...	...	...	27
Working surfaces improved/repaired	...	...	...	47
Other defects remedied	...	...	...	112

(5) The amount and method of disposal of condemned food:—

The following food was examined and disposed of by burial in the refuse tip after inspection had shown that it was unfit for human consumption:—

	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Qrs.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>
Meat and Offal	...	15	3	12
Miscellaneous tinned foods	...	11	3	23
Other Foods	1	5	0	10
Total	2	12	3	17

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT SAMPLING, 1968

Work done during 1968:—

	<i>Total number of samples taken</i>	
	<i>Formal</i>	<i>Informal</i>
Milk	-	34
Miscellaneous Food and Drugs	-	175

Of these, 34 samples of Milk and 167 samples of Other Food and Drugs were reported as genuine.

The results of unsatisfactory samples of Food and Drugs found as a result of routine sampling were as follows:—

<i>Sample No.</i>	<i>Article</i>	<i>Nature of Contravention</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
692	Water-Ice	No list of ingredients on carton.	Referred to manufacturers for proper wording on cartons.
733	Molasses	Unsatisfactory label	Of foreign manufacture. No longer imported and sold by retailers.
754	Pork sausages	Contained preservatives. Not declared at time of sale	Retailers cautioned. Proper notices now displayed in shop premises.
757	Pork sausages	as above.	as above.
758	Pork sausages	as above.	as above.
759	Beef sausages	as above.	as above.
802	Orange Juice	Unsatisfactory label. Claim for Vitamin C and amount not stated.	Of foreign manufacture. Importers arranged for labels to be overprinted with correct wording.
861	Orange crush	Contained excess amounts of benzoic acid and saccharin.	On resampling, all samples were genuine.

Complaints received from members of the public.

Total number of complaints received	...	...	...	56
Number of complaints where samples were submitted to the Public Analyst for examination	...	...	...	16
Number of complaints where samples were examined in the Department	...	...	...	38
Number of complaints referred to other Authorities where food was purchased outside the County Borough				2

All the complaints were satisfactorily disposed of by Informal Action taken with Importers, Manufacturers and Retailers, with the exception of the following which were reported to the Council for consideration.

<i>Complaint No.</i>	<i>Article</i>	<i>Remarks</i>	<i>Action</i>
3	Steak and Kidney pudding.	Contaminated with mould	Legal Proceedings. Fine of £3. No costs.
35	Orange chew sweet	Contained piece of metal	Warning letter from the Town Clerk.

Samples of Food purchased during the year.

Alcoholic Beverages	6
Bread	1
Cakes etc.	3
Cereals	5
Cheese	7
Condiments	7
Cream	4
Drugs	22
Fats	7
Fish and Shellfish	4
Flavourings and Colourings	8
Flour	2
Fruit	1
Herbs	2
Jams etc.	5
Jellies	-
Meat Products	21
Milk Products	7
Nuts	2
Pastes, spreads etc.	8
Poultry	4
Puddings	6
Sauces	4
Sausages	8
Soft drinks	15
Soups	4
Sugar	1
Sweets	1
Vegetables	4
Yeast	-

Other Food Preparation Premises, 1968

Routine inspections of commercial kitchens, works canteens and of vehicles from which food was sold were made during the year.

Food Premises.

(1) Number of food premises in the area by type of business:—

<i>Category</i>	<i>No. of premises</i>	<i>No. fitted with washhand basins</i>	<i>No. to which Reg. 19 applies</i>	<i>No. fitted with sinks</i>
Bakehouses	7	7	7	7
Bakers (Bread and Cake shops)	14	14	14	14
Butchers	59	52	59	59
Cafes	20	20	20	20
Canteens (a) Factory	10	10	10	10
(b) Other	12	12	12	12
Chemists	12	10	7	10
Clubs	25	23	25	25
Confectioners	77	60	71	64
Fishmongers	4	4	4	4
Fried Fish Shops	11	10	11	11
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	48	44	48	37
Grocery and Provisions	107	100	107	104
Hotels	6	5	6	6
Milk Distributors	3	3	2	3
Off Licences	27	21	20	24
Public Houses	34	34	34	34
Restaurants	11	11	11	11
School Kitchens	13	12	13	12
Wholesale Food Stores and Depots	3	3	3	3
Other Food Premises	11	10	11	10
	<u>514</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>495</u>	<u>480</u>

(2) Number of registered food premises under Section 97 of the Solihull Urban District Council Act, 1936:—

Ice Cream Vendors	...	...	...	...	...	...	203
Wholesale Distributors	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Manufacturers of Meat Products	...	...	...	...	...	...	44

(3) Inspections of

(a) Registered Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	83
(b) Other Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	964
(c) Vehicles and Stalls	...	...	...	...	...	39

(4) Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

There has been a ready compliance with the requirements of the Regulations, and the following work was done during the year:—

Accommodation for clothing provided	...	...	...	...	15
Cleanliness improved	...	...	...	...	285
First aid boxes provided/replenished	...	...	...	...	35
Food protected	...	...	...	...	40
Lighting improved/provided	...	...	...	...	60
Notices provided	...	...	...	...	38
Sanitary conveniences improved	...	...	...	...	88
Sinks fitted	...	...	...	...	10
Structural defects remedied	...	...	...	...	77
Ventilation improved/provided	...	...	...	...	18
Wash-hand basins fitted	...	...	...	...	23
Water supplies provided	...	...	...	...	28
Working surfaces improved/repared	...	...	...	...	44
Other defects remedied	...	...	...	...	160

(5) The amount and method of disposal of condemned food:—

The following food was examined and disposed of by burial in the refuse tip after inspection had shown that it was unfit for human consumption:—

					<i>Tons</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Qrs.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>
Meat and offal	...	...	...	...	1	0	3	21
Miscellaneous tinned foods	...	...	...	...	-	17	3	6
Other foods	...	...	...	...	3	4	2	8
Total...					5	3	1	7

SWIMMING POOLS

1965.

No major improvements were effected to either the Council-owned or privately owned open-air public swimming pools in the district.

In June, a new indoor swimming pool was opened. It has a main pool, with a diving pool to the side at one end of the main pool, and a learners' pool separated from the main pool. The main pool is 110 ft. x 42 ft. with a capacity of 260,000 gallons, and has a complete turnover every four hours. The learners' pool is 42 ft. x 24 ft. with a capacity of 18,500 gallons, and has a complete turnover every three hours. Both pools have separate systems of water treatment.

Spot checks were taken regularly during the Summer at the three pools by the Public Health Inspectors in order to ascertain whether the chlorine content was in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Bye-Law. The alkalinity of the water was also checked. If variations were found, they were immediately corrected.

No contravention of the other Bye-Laws was noted during the year.

1966.

The Council-owned Malvern Park open-air swimming pool and the Tudor Grange indoor swimming baths operated satisfactorily throughout the year. In particular, the Tudor Grange swimming baths opened the previous year proved to be a great attraction and obviously fulfilled a need of the residents.

1967/68.

The Council-owned Malvern Park open-air swimming pool and the Tudor Grange indoor swimming baths operated satisfactorily.

Routine checks on the chemical condition continued to be carried out on the waters of the pools by the Public Health Inspectors.

1965/68.

Periodically, samples were submitted to the Public Analyst and the Public Health Laboratory Service for more detailed chemical analysis and bacteriological examination of these waters and also swimming pool waters at schools and at large commercial premises.

<i>No. of samples</i>	<i>Bacteriological & Chemical</i>	<i>Bacteriological</i>
1965	4	9
1966	6	9
1967	9	13
1968	9	9

All proved satisfactory.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961 — PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)				Number of (3) (4) (5)											
					Inspections				Written Notices				Occupiers Prosecuted			
YEAR:— 19 —	65	66	67	68	65	66	67	68	65	66	67	68	65	66	67	68
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	10	2	2	2	6	2	4	9	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	109	141	161	151	27	53	77	107	7	3	42	13	—	—	—	—
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	85	63	36	40	13	71	36	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	204	206	199	199	46	126	117	124	7	3	44	14	—	—	—	—

2. Cases in which Defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found																Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)			
	Found				Remedied				Referred											
									To H.M. Inspector (4)				By H.M. Inspector (5)							
YEAR:— 19 —	65	66	67	68	65	66	67	68	65	66	67	68	65	66	67	68	65	66	67	68
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	4	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)																				
(a) Insufficient	6	-	-	6	7	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	3	2	34	23	1	2	6	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work).	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	15	2	34	33	12	2	6	33	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT, 1965/6/7/8

Outwork: Sections 133 and 134.

No lists of outworkers, as required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2) were received from occupiers of factories situated within this District.

Visits were made to outworkers' premises in this District notified by other Councils. In no instance was outwork being carried out in unwholesome premises.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION, 1965

Smoke Control Orders Nos. 5, 6 and 7 mentioned in last year's report were duly confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government. Orders Nos. 5 and 6 will come into operation on 1st July, 1966, whilst Order No. 7 came into operation on 1st December, 1965.

During the year the Council approved the making of Smoke Control Orders Nos. 8, 9, and 10, which were confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government, and come into operation next year.

Smoke Control Orders

<i>Orders in operation</i>		<i>Acreage</i>	<i>No. of dwellings</i>	<i>No. of other premises</i>
No.	1	95	558	18
	2	105	283	24
	3	176	440	250
	4	758	926	34
	7	774	189	7
Totals		1,908	2,396	333

<i>Orders confirmed</i>		<i>Acreage</i>	<i>No. of dwellings</i>	<i>No. of other premises</i>
No.	5	235	705	25
	6	312	397	2
*	8	36	440	"
*	9	15	169	"
*	10	13	262	"
Totals		611	1,973	27

* New Housing estates.

As mentioned in last year's report, parts of areas affected by Smoke Control Orders Nos. 34 and 66 made by Birmingham City Council were transferred to this Authority upon boundary changes. In order to comply with the administrative requirements of the Exchequer so that the Council could receive the Exchequer grant of 4/10ths of the approved costs of the conversions and adaptations, it will be necessary for this Council to make new Orders so as to include these houses.

Measurement of Atmospheric Pollution.

The amount of the monthly deposit of dust and grit from the atmosphere has been ascertained by the use of four Deposit Gauges situated in various parts of the County Borough, and over the past six years an average level of this type of atmospheric pollution has been obtained. It is now felt that the use of these gauges for this purpose could be discontinued and used for specific monitoring purposes around factories to record dust and grit emissions from boiler chimneys and industrial processes.

One Lead Peroxide Candle which was sited at Knowle for 6 years was also discontinued as the readings had remained fairly constant during this period. The measurement of sulphur dioxide by this means in the Olton and Shirley districts was continued, however.

This Council is one of the constituent authorities of the Warwickshire Clean Air Council, from whom Lead Peroxide candles and Deposit Gauges are borrowed. The apparatus surplus to our needs is returned to the Council and other apparatus can be borrowed when required.

Measurement of the daily amount of smoke and sulphur-dioxide continued at the Council House and an improvement was made during the year by the replacement of the single-port daily smoke and SO₂ volumetric apparatus by an 8-port instrument, which only requires the changing of the filter papers and drechsel bottles once weekly.

The average daily amounts of smoke and sulphur-dioxide, as measured by the apparatus at the Council House, once again showed a slight downward trend, but the average monthly levels of sulphur-dioxide showed an increase at the Olton and Cranmore sites. The sulphur-dioxide recordings at Velsheda Road have shown a decided decrease during the seven years the Lead Peroxide Candle has been sited there.

The sulphur-dioxide gas in the atmosphere comes into contact with the Lead Peroxide on the candle, where it interacts with the latter chemical forming the compound lead sulphate. By estimating the sulphate content of the candle, it is possible to assess the total monthly gaseous sulphur-dioxide in the atmosphere, and thus the level of gaseous pollution per day.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Average milligrammes per day, per 100 sq.cms.</i>				
	<i>Olton</i>	<i>Velsheda Road</i>	<i>Cranmore Road</i>	<i>Greswolde</i>	<i>Earlswood</i>
1959	1,86	1,63	1,10	0,65	0.64
1960	2,13	1,40	1,30	0,66	0.74
1961	1.77	1,14	1.23	0.58	0.62
1962	1.91	1.37	1.23	0.67	0.64
1963	1.88	1.26	1.29	0.66	0.76
1964	1.63	1.14	1.10	0.55	Discontinued
1965	1.90	1.09	1.40	Discontinued	

DAILY TEST FOR SMOKE AND SULPHUR-DIOXIDE

The apparatus is situated at the Council House and air from outside is drawn through a filter paper and passed through a solution of hydrogen peroxide. The "smoke" particles in the atmosphere are collected by the filter paper and the density of the stain is measured by means of an electric reflectometer in order to calculate the average daily amount of smoke which is expressed in microgrammes per cubic metre of air. The amount of sulphur-dioxide present in the air is calculated by the amount of sulphuric acid which has been formed by the oxidation of the hydrogen-peroxide solution, and is expressed in microgrammes per cubic metre of air.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION, 1966

By the 31st December, 1966, 10 Smoke Control Orders were in operation covering 5,173 dwellings and 2,519 acres.

During the year 3 further Smoke Control Orders were submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government for confirmation. The total number of dwellings covered by these Orders was 1,057 having an acreage of 118,075.

Smoke Control Orders Numbers 12 and 13 included properties transferred from the City of Birmingham to this Authority when the latter became a County Borough in April, 1964. A number of these properties had already been subject to Smoke Control Orders made by the City of Birmingham and awaiting the Minister's confirmation. This procedure was recommended by the Ministry to regularise the position so that an application by this Council for loan sanction could be granted.

Measurement of Atmospheric Pollution.

As a member of the Warwickshire Clean Air Council this Authority has continued to assist in their survey of the general level of atmospheric pollution. Three Lead Peroxide Candles are situated at Olton and Shirley for the measurement of concentrations of Sulphur Dioxide and an 8 port Daily Volumetric Apparatus is in the Council House for the daily measurement of smoke and Sulphur Dioxide.

These instruments indicated that there was a continuation in the slight downward trend of the Sulphur Dioxide in the atmosphere.

Industrial Smoke, 1966

Observations were made from time to time of chimney stacks serving industrial boiler plants. In 9 cases the attention of the occupiers of factories was drawn to the excessive emission of black smoke. No formal action was necessary.

During the year, several complaints were received of scrap dealers setting fire to motor vehicles on open land, which resulted in legal proceedings being instituted against 2 dealers.

In the first case, the defendant was found guilty and a Nuisance Order was made with costs of £5 5.0d. In the second case, the defendant pleaded that he was not responsible for the fire and the case was dismissed.

These cases were difficult to deal with as they had to be dealt with under the provisions of the Public Health Act which required the proving of a Nuisance. The scrap dealers, having some knowledge of this fact, set fire to the vehicles either when the smoke was blown across open country or during the hours of darkness.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION, 1967

By the 31st December, 1967, 13 Smoke Control Orders were in operation covering 6,230 dwellings and 2,637 acres.

During the year 2 further Smoke Control Orders were submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government for confirmation. The total number of dwellings covered by these Orders was 1,378, having an acreage of 188.

Measurement of Atmospheric Pollution

As a member of the Warwickshire Clean Air Council, this Authority has continued to assist in their survey of the general level of atmospheric pollution. Three Lead Peroxide Candles are situated at Olton and Shirley for the measurement of concentrations of Sulphur Dioxide and an 8 port Daily Volumetric Apparatus is in the Council House for the daily measurement of smoke and Sulphur Dioxide.

These instruments indicated that there was a continuation in the slight downward trend of the Sulphur Dioxide in the atmosphere.

Industrial Smoke, 1967.

33 observations of industrial smoke emissions were made during the year. In 6 cases verbal notifications was given to the occupier of the premises which were emitting smoke so as to contravene the provisions of the Clean Air Act, 1956. In each case the warning was sufficient and no formal action was necessary.

Smoke nuisances occurred from time to time which came under the jurisdiction of the Public Health Act, 1936, as amended by Section 16 of the Clean Air Act, 1956. These nuisances were caused by the burning of motor vehicles on open land by scrap dealers. Although several occurrences were investigated, it was only possible to institute legal proceedings against one person. This person, who incidentally had been prosecuted during 1966, was fined £8 with £5 5.0d. costs.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION, 1968

By the 31st December, 1968, 15 Smoke Control Orders were in operation covering 7,608 dwellings and 2,825 acres.

During the year 1 further Smoke Control Area was submitted to the Council for the making of an Order. The total number of dwellings covered in the Area was 1,317 having an acreage of 177.08.

Measurement of Atmospheric Pollution.

As a member of the Warwickshire Clean Air Council, this Authority has continued to assist in their survey of the general level of atmospheric pollution. Three Lead Peroxide Candles are situated at Olton and Shirley for the measurement of concentrations of Sulphur Dioxide and an 8 port Daily Volumetric Apparatus is in the Council House for the daily measurement of smoke and Sulphur Dioxide.

These instruments indicated that there was a continuation in the slight downward trend of the Sulphur Dioxide in the atmosphere.

Daily Test for Smoke and Sulphur Dioxide

<i>Average Daily Smoke Year</i>	<i>Microgrammes per cubic metre</i>
1959	62.6
1960	66.4
1961	62.7
1962	74.2
1963	72.5
1964	66.8
1965	61.2
1966	48.25
1967	35.2
1968	36.6

<i>Average daily Sulphur Dioxide</i>	
1959	125
1960	151
1961	100
1962	109
1963	125
1964	120
1965	115
1966	105.5
1967	97.6
1968	78.9

Industrial Atmospheric Pollution, 1968

Observations were carried out on 24 occasions throughout the year on chimney stacks serving factory premises. On only 7 occasions were contraventions of the Clean Air Act, 1956, noted, and the excessive emissions of dark smoke were abated following informal approaches to the firms concerned. The most persistent offending chimney was that of Solihull Hospital, the cause being continual overloading of the boilers. As the hospital is to be rebuilt and will be supplied by a new boiler installation of adequate size in the near future, no action has been taken by this Department.

A paper manufacturing company was found to be incinerating large quantities of waste paper and an investigation revealed that it was coated with Polyvinylidene Chloride. This substance when burned gave off a harmful emission of either Phosgene Gas or Hydrochloric Acid Gas, depending upon combustion conditions. The company have now been persuaded to make alternative arrangements to dispose of their waste products in a manner which does not involve burning.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION, 1965

The two Rodent Operatives carried out the work shown in the following summary of surface treatments.

<i>Properties Inspected</i>	<i>Type of Property</i>				
	<i>Private</i>	<i>Business and Industrial</i>	<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Agricultural</i>	<i>Total</i>
a. On request	667	61	19	12	759
b. On survey	1130	4	-	6	1140
c. Treated	1616	63	14	18	1711

Continued reliance is placed on "Warfarin" with oatmeal as the base. Excellent results were obtained with this poison which is recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

At the end of the year, there were 5 contracts in force.

Sewer Treatments.

No sewer treatment was carried out during the year.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION, 1966/7/8

The two Rodent Operatives carried out the work shown in the following summary of surface treatments.

	<i>Type of Property</i>					
	<i>1966</i>		<i>1967</i>		<i>1968</i>	
	<i>Non-Agricultural</i>	<i>Agricultural</i>	<i>Non-Agricultural</i>	<i>Agricultural</i>	<i>Non-Agricultural</i>	<i>Agricultural</i>
1. Number of properties in district	35,053	44	36,857	47	36,857	47
2.a Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	905	5	742	2	566	6
b Number infested by (i) Rats	870	- 5	697	2	548	- 6
(ii) Mice	23	-	31	-	10	-
3.a Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.	1,415	8	990	12	524	21
b Number infested by (i) Rats	1,248	8	833	12	428	21
(ii) Mice	7	-	6	-	3	-

Continued reliance was placed on "Warfarin", with a mixture of barley and maize meals as the base. Excellent results were obtained with this poison, which was recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Sewer Treatment.

No sewer treatment was carried out during 1966.

In 1967, 133 manholes were baited and 139 in 1968.

SHOPS ACT, 1950 - 1965

The total number of shops in the area at the end of 1965 was 946.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963 - 1965

The Act deals with conditions affecting the health, safety and welfare of persons employed in offices, shops and certain railway premises and in many respects its provisions are similar to those in the Factories Acts which have been in operation for many years.

During the inspections of the premises concerned, attention had to be given to the state of cleanliness, possible overcrowding, the sufficiency of temperature, lighting, sanitary conveniences, ventilation and washing facilities, supply of drinking water, accommodation for clothing (not worn during working hours), seats for sedentary workers, eating facilities where meals are partaken in shop premises and the provision of a first aid box. The training of persons working at dangerous machines and the fencing of these machines are also within the purview of the Act.

It is incumbent on employers of persons in premises covered by the Act to display either an Abstract of the Act and the Regulations made thereunder, or a book with this information, or to give to the persons employed an explanatory book dealing with the scope of the Act.

Generally speaking, employers were most co-operating in dealing with requests to comply with requirements of the Act after inspection had been made.

Between August 1964 (when the Act came into force) and the 31st December, 1965, a total of 225 premises had been inspected out of an approximate number of 800 premises registered. The number of registered premises to be inspected will be increased with the occupation of shops and offices in the Central Area and shops in the Dorridge Development Area by approximately 200.

The first full year's work under the Act was completed during the year ending 31st December, 1965, and a report thereon, as follows, was forwarded to the Ministry of Labour.

"The main difficulty experienced in the administration of the Act is the shortage of personnel to carry out the number of inspections required within a reasonable period. There is also the continued failure of many occupiers to register premises, which makes it difficult to determine the actual number of inspections outstanding and the consequent amount of time which needs to be allocated for work under this legislation. Another difficulty is that occupiers frequently complain that they have to wait considerable periods of time before they can get contractors to undertake necessary alterations and decorations.

Cleanliness.

In the main, conditions were found to be reasonable. A large proportion of those already inspected required redecoration or cleansing of the decorations of one or more of the rooms. The dirtiest premises were shops selling hardware, and next in order came staff and rear rooms at ladies' hairdressing establishments. The cleanest premises (apart from those in newly completed developments) were those to which the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 applied and where frequent routine visits were made by the Public Health Inspectors.

Overcrowding.

Some overcrowding was found to exist in office accommodation. Many of the cases reported have received attention and the remainder outstanding are being resolved either by the re-arrangement of personnel, or by building extensions, or the firm concerned arranging to move to larger premises.

Temperature.

Although many shops were found to have adequate heating facilities, a considerable number were discovered where a temperature of 60.8°F could not be maintained. One bakery firm protested that in view of the large number of customers entering the shop, the door was almost constantly open and, in consequence, it was difficult to maintain the required temperature. Following discussions with the firm's management, it was agreed to experiment with different forms of heating in different shops. They eventually installed "off peak" electric storage heaters in the shop in question, and a survey carried out in December showed that it was possible to maintain the required temperature.

The problem of heating Butchers' Shops was investigated. In the main, these were without heating in the actual shop. The trade considered that a temperature of 60.8°F was harmful to the meat. However, during June and July, 1965, a survey of a number of butchers' shops revealed that meat was being displayed in large quantities at temperatures up to 73°F.

Many instances were found where, although the room temperatures were between 61° and 65°F employees complained of feeling cold.

Ventilation.

The problem posed is "What is adequate ventilation?" and after due consideration, it was felt that it depended upon the circumstances. As far as offices were concerned, it was thought that three air changes per hour were desirable. Ventilation in shops was provided mainly by small fanlights over doors as well as through the doorways when the doors were opened by customers. Difficulties found in practice were that shops often had windows fixed for security reasons and that ladies' hairdressing establishments invariably suffered from excessive humidity. Both these difficulties were being overcome by the installation of extraction fans. A further problem which arose was in a Betting Shop. The employees were in an office separated from clients by a wall containing metal grills. The office window had to be secured as a precaution against burglary. The provision of an extraction fan only induced badly vitiated air from the customers' section, despite additional extraction units being installed in that section. The answer was found by replacing the extraction fan in the office by an impeller type — this supplied adequate fresh air for the staff, and the vitiated air in turn was induced into the customers' area and then exhausted into the open air.

Lighting.

General Impression: The standard of artificial lighting in office premises (including toilets, stairs and passages associated with the offices) was generally higher than in shops. The selling areas in shops, however, were the best illuminated. In 1965 light meter readings were taken in all premises during daylight, and the combination of natural and artificial lighting was often found to be reasonable. When repeat readings were taken in the late afternoon of the winter months of 1965 when the main source of lighting was artificial it was found that lighting generally was inadequate. It is hoped that National Standards will be introduced in the near future.

Natural lighting was usually found to be best in offices. Shops, although provided with large windows, frequently had this source of light restricted by display goods.

Generally speaking, staircases were poorly illuminated and so, too, were staff, stock and warehouse rooms.

Recommended standards of Lighting.

This authority has recommended to occupiers of premises the standards suggested by the Illuminating Engineering Society. In addition, suggestions have been made that redecoration of rooms, cleaning of light fittings and re-orientation of desks may bring about the necessary improvement in the lighting. Where small businesses wish to carry out their own improvements, the Inspectors revisit when requested and check the lighting improvements stage by stage so that the businesses are not involved in undue expenditure.

Excessive Glare

Several instances of excessive glare have been noticed and dealt with. Only one was due to reflection. The remainder were due to the actual light fittings themselves.

One of the methods used for assessing glare is that if the source of light can be seen below an angle of 30° from eye level — obtained by looking upward when the flat hand is held at eyebrow level — by a person when he is at his normal working position, then it is assumed that the light source could cause glare. Use is also made of the "Tick Guide" published in the British Lighting Council's "Guide on How to Avoid Discomfort from Glare".

Finally, the general impression gained by the Inspector is also used.

Inspections during the month of November, 1965.

In response to the request in L.A.Circular 9 (supplement 1) for light meter readings in office premises during November, 1965 the following information was obtained:—

(a)	— 5 lumens/sq.ft.	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b)	+ 5 to 10 lumens/sq.ft.	...	...	...	...	...	15
(c)	+ 10 to 15 lumens/sq.ft.	...	...	...	...	...	4
(d)	+ 15 to 25 lumens/sq.ft.	...	...	...	...	...	9
(e)	+ 25 lumens/sq.ft.	...	...	...	...	...	11

Readings of 5, 10, 15 and 25 were placed in (b), (c), (d) and (e) respectively. (The illumination value for offices recommended by the Illuminating Engineering Society is 30 lumens per sq.ft.).

Sanitary Conveniences.

This authority informed occupiers of premises to apply standards as laid down in the Regulations. Very little difficulty arose in enforcing satisfactory provisions. It was found that many of the older premises were without ventilated lobbies. The chief criticism by Inspectors was that ventilation was available to the toilets by means of windows, but in most cases the windows were found to be closed and the ventilation non-existent.

One particular premise was occupied by a Television Rental firm with a permanent staff (mixed sexes) of 4. On occasions, as many as 9 other employees were on the premises during the day; one toilet was provided. The firm in question was requested to provide an additional toilet but refused. The Inspector involved asked the staff for their opinions about adequacy, but these were not obtained, other than from a female receptionist who said that "at times it was a little difficult". In the absence of further complaints it was decided to take no further action.

Washing Facilities.

Little difficulty was experienced in obtaining these facilities.

Drinking Water

This authority considers that a supply of drinking water available in a w.c. compartment is not hygienic, but permissible as the section of the Act is worded. Where this has been encountered the occupiers of premises have been advised to provide an alternative source of water supply on the grounds of hygiene and lack of availability to other assistants when the toilet is in use. No objections or refusals to these recommendations have so far been reported.

Accommodation for Clothing.

Small shops were frequently found to be without this facility. It has been impossible to obtain a uniform standard because of the variable circumstances at the various premises.

Seating.

Some unsatisfactory seating was found and dealt with.

Facilities for Eating.

Some shops were found to be in need of these facilities. Unfortunately, existing floor space was often inadequate for storage purposes and it has been necessary to wait for firms concerned to apply for Planning Permission to enlarge their premises.

Floors, Passages and Stairs.

Floor boards were often found to be badly worn, and worn linoleum and ragged carpets frequently noted. An occasional staircase was found to be without a handrail and the stairs obstructed with stock.

Dangerous Machinery

Dealing with the fencing of machinery produced an entirely new field of work. The inspectorial staff attended lectures at an Industrial Training Centre and talks given by members of Her Majesty's Factory Inspectorate. Many cases of unguarded machinery were dealt with during the year. Only one firm declined to provide adequate guards, and this was in a lift motor room. The firm (of national repute) claimed "safety by position". Advice from the Factory Inspector was sought and eventually the firm was informed that this Council could not agree with the contention, but in the circumstances no further action could be taken for the time being.

This authority was in a difficult position in advising adequate fencing of gravity-fed meat slicers when manufacturers were found to be unable to supply suitable guards. However, towards the end of the year, some guards were being fitted.

One unusual case arose. The manager of a branch grocery shop informed an Inspector that as he was under 18 years of age he could not legally clean the dangerous machine. This particular problem was overcome after six months when the manager attained his eighteenth birthday.

Prohibition of Heavy Work.

The only case under this heading concerned the handling of 56 lb. bags of pre-packed coal in a shop. The firm was advised to provide a suitable trolley.

First Aid.

Almost all premises were without a suitable First Aid Box. Difficulties continually arose with food premises when they had not been equipped with the appropriate Box. Letters were sent to the manufacturers of all First Aid Boxes on sale within the Borough advising them of the difficulties which arose over the sale of a Box which did not comply with the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960. As a result, some manufacturers included a slip in their products advising the occupiers of food premises that additional requisites were required. Others did not co-operate in any way. In an attempt to overcome this difficulty all occupiers of food premises were sent a list of the necessary contents for their First Aid Box in order that they should comply with all existing regulations.

Prosecutions.

There have been no prosecutions under the Act.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963 - 1966

Further registrations continue to be received, the majority from newly erected shops being completed. Several registrations were cancelled during the year due to the change of occupiers. The new occupiers frequently were husband and wife with no employees and, in consequence, were not required to register the premises. No doubt the Selective Employment Tax had some bearing on this.

In some instances, no registrations had been effected until the Inspector had visited the premises to carry out the initial inspections.

Inspections.

Inspections were continued throughout the year, but due to unfortunate illness to staff and the need to carry out re-inspections following the general inspections made the previous year, the figures are less than those in 1965. Public Health Inspectors engaged on the duties under the Act report that occupiers are continuing to be co-operative and assistants in shops seem to be more aware of the provisions of the Act. "Stage whispers" have been heard on several occasions, expressing the hope that the Inspector does something about "so-and-so".

Larger firms seem to have paid more attention to the provisions of the Act than smaller firms. Some companies which started off on the right foot in 1964 have not always maintained the high standards which they began with. Abstracts, thermometers and seats in some instances have disappeared, and First Aid Kits are continually depleted.

Operation of General Provisions of the Act.

The following is an analysis of the Contraventions found on inspection.

Section						Contravention
4	Cleanliness	...	...	...	...	21
5	Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	1
6	Temperature	...	...	...	...	27
7	Ventilation	...	...	...	...	25
8	Lighting	...	...	...	...	40
9	Sanitary Conveniences	...	...	...	...	21
10	Washing Facilities	...	...	...	...	13
11	Drinking Water	...	...	...	...	6
12	Clothing accommodation	...	...	...	...	20
13	Sitting Facilities	...	...	...	...	4
14	Seats for Sedentary Workers	...	...	...	...	3
15	Eating Facilities	...	...	...	...	7
16	Floors, Passages, Stairs	...	...	...	...	11
17	Fencing of Dangerous Machinery	...	...	...	...	23
18	Protection of Young Persons from Dangerous Machinery	...	...	...	...	5
19	Training of Young Persons etc.	...	...	...	...	4
24	First Aid Provisions	...	...	...	...	44
50	Provision of Abstracts	...	...	...	...	40
Total...						315

During the year reinspections were carried out and the following contraventions were abated:—

Section						Contravention
4	Cleanliness	...	...	...	...	47
5	Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	2
6 (a)	Heating improved	...	...	...	...	23
(b)	Thermometers provided	...	...	...	...	21
7	Ventilation	...	...	...	...	16
8	Lighting	...	...	...	...	69
9	Sanitary Conveniences					
(a)	defects	...	...	...	...	53
(b)	additional...	...	...	...	...	1
10	Washing facilities					
(a)	hot or cold water	...	...	...	...	8
(b)	wash hand basins	...	...	...	...	4
(c)	soap, towels	...	...	...	...	6
12	Clothing accommodation	...	...	...	...	10
13	Seating facilities	...	...	...	...	2
14	Seats for Sedentary Workers	...	...	...	...	3
15	Eating facilities	...	...	...	...	1
16	Floors, Steps, stairs etc.	...	...	...	...	23
17	Fencing of dangerous machinery	...	...	...	...	15
24	First Aid provisions	...	...	...	...	20
50	Provision of Abstracts	...	...	...	...	29
Total						353

Temperature

The obvious exemption for a temperature of 60.8° F. in a greengrocer's shop has not deterred the Public Health Inspectors from persuading managements to provide such forms of heating as infra-red strip heaters, and in two cases occupiers of premises have been persuaded to provide shop fronts to what were otherwise open-fronted shops.

The 16°C provision can only be satisfactorily examined during the winter months, but inspections are made throughout the year. It is becoming the practice of the Inspectors who are engaged on this work to note the form of heating and the number of units provided, and if the Inspector is doubtful whether the heating is adequate, occupiers are advised to consider the problem before a winter inspection proves the inadequacy. In addition, the recorded units of heating available readily determines whether additional heating has been provided or not when the Inspector revisits.

Drinking Water.

This Authority was pleased to receive Circular 9 (Supplement 3) which supported the view already put into practice locally, namely that drinking water installations should not be within the water closet cubicle.

Lighting.

Following the National Survey in November, 1965, it was hoped that regulations should be introduced to standardise the levels of illumination. Obviously where different standards apply in neighbouring areas they present difficulties to Inspectors who are trying to maintain a cordial relationship with occupiers of premises who have been required to spend in some cases, large sums of money. Inadequate artificial lighting provided the second largest number of contraventions during the year and the greatest number of defects that were rectified. In most cases artificial lighting has been improved by the replacement of tungsten filament bulbs with fluorescent tubes. Occupiers in some cases who had been satisfied with their poor lighting thanked Inspectors for making them improve the level of illumination.

Clothing Accommodation.

This seems to present some occupiers with problems which they are not keen to satisfactorily resolve. Some occupiers prefer to provide small electric heaters underneath coat pegs, and the heat given off could just be felt approximately 2 inches above the unit.

Seating.

A problem which has not been entirely resolved was that found at a large departmental store, where the Inspector was told by assistants that there were staff instructions that they were not to use seats in the store. The Company have denied this, however.

Another problem which has been found is that the trading habits of customers seem to prefer self-service and shops are being converted to meet this demand. This type of shop lay-out leads to difficulties with the provision of suitable and adequate seats. The only solution which seems acceptable at this time would appear to be a hinge seat provided adjacent to the cash till. The seats are only used if the till is situated at the end of the sales gondola and seldom, if ever, where the seat and till are situated in the middle of the sales display.

Accidents.

Not all notifications are investigated and of those that were, the following was of interest:—

In a public house, a brewery delivery man fractured his left wrist when he was hit by a barrel of beer which had tipped off a steel table at the foot of the delivery chute. The table should have been secured, but in this case it had not, and it up-ended. The Brewery were asked to re-site the door openings on to the chute area and to make the metal table a fixture.

Prosecutions.

There have been no prosecutions under the provisions of the Act.

Registration

Some 103 new registrations were received during the year. Of these, 66 were changes of occupiers. The net increase in registrations at the end of the year was 37. During the course of initial inspections, it was found that many occupiers of premises had not registered with the Local Authority so it could be assumed that the total number of registered premises is incomplete. The total number of registered premises does not indicate the actual number of premises in the Borough to which the Act could apply. The Central Area Redevelopment is almost complete, but now that further redevelopment is taking place in other parts of the Borough there will be additional premises for inspection.

Inspection

In June a Technical Assistant was appointed and trained in the duties involved enabling additional inspections to be made. During the year the number of 'general inspections' was 129 and the total number of visits to premises was 716. This increase in the rate of progress is encouraging.

Operation of General Provisions of the Act

The following is an analysis of the contraventions found on inspection and contraventions abated

Section No.	Contraventions	Abated
4 Cleanliness 	262	198
5 Overcrowding 	3	NIL
6 Temperature 	73	21
7 Ventilation 	64	46
8 Lighting 	164	183
9 Sanitary Conveniences - Defects... ..	148	114
10 Washing Facilities		
(a) Hot or Cold Water 	29	21
(b) Wash Hand Basins 	16	8
(c) Soap Towels etc. 	28	15
11 Drinking Water 	21	16
12 Clothing Accommodation 	42	34
13 Seating Facilities 	3	11
14 Seats for Sedentary Workers... 	8	12
15 Eating Facilities 	9	10
16 Floors, Passages and Stairs 	64	23
17 Fencing of Dangerous Machinery 	22	62
24 First Aid Provisions 	81	74
50 Provision of Abstracts 	78	99
Other Defects 	194	178
Total 	1,309	1,125

8 reported accidents were investigated.

Ventilation

An inspection of a 'laundrette' revealed that it was, in fact, a dry cleaning establishment operated on a self-service basis. An office situated on the first floor was found to be badly affected by perchlorethylene fumes. These fumes were gaining access by two routes. The access to the office area was by an open staircase from the machine area at the rear of the shop and was responsible for the greatest pollution. The fan on the exhaust system from the cleaning machines was inadequate and fumes were escaping to the interior of the building. The exhaust ducting terminated below

one of the office windows and, under certain conditions, fumes were gaining entrance to the office via the window. Advice from the local Factory Inspector was obtained. The present position is that the staircase was walled up, and a more powerful exhaust fan installed, the office use strictly limited, and the window kept closed. While conditions have been improved to a point which is acceptable for the time being, the firm are being persuaded to extend the exhaust trunking above the roof level.

It is felt that the existing legislation is inadequate in so much that no guidance is contained in any Regulations.

Accidents.

An increase in the number of reported accidents to persons whilst loading and unloading vehicles was noted. These accidents were entirely due to carelessness and no action was taken. Not all notifications were investigated but of those that were, the following one is of interest:—

A person who cut a finger on a bacon slicing machine was interviewed and the accident was found to be the result of carelessness. Further enquiries revealed that the standard of training in grocery shops belonging to this multiple concern was inadequate. The usual method of training persons to operate clean slicing machines was one of "follow your leader". Whilst this in principle may be a good idea, it is fraught with a danger that anyone with a flaw in his training is perpetuating the error in his trainees. Manufacturers of slicing machines have printed instructions, either in booklet or card form, and originally each machine was supplied with one. Over the years, however, the majority have been lost or misplaced.

The grocery firm have been informed that sufficient precautions were not being taken by the Company to reduce to a minimum the danger associated with slicing machines, and a suggestion made that they should send their staff on a refresher course and display near to the slicing machines the manufacturers' instruction cards.

Prosecutions.

During the course of the year a prosecution was successful against the proprietor of a ladies' hairdressing salon. The proprietor was charged under Section 8 for inadequate lighting in the rear room of the premises, under Section 16 for a defective floor in the hairdressing salon, under Section 24 for not providing a first aid kit, and under Section 50 for failing to provide and display an Abstract of the Act. The defendant pleaded guilty to the offences under Sections 16, 24 and 50 and not guilty under Section 8. The Magistrates, after hearing the evidence, were satisfied that the case presented by the Council in relation to the inadequate lighting was proved and found the defendant guilty on all four cases. He was fined a total of £20 (£5 in each case) and 5 guineas costs.

Registration.

Some 115 new registrations were received during the year. Of these, 43 were changes of occupiers. There was a net decrease of 51 in the total number of registered premises at the end of the year, the reasons for this reduction being the demolition of 13 premises, the Selective Employment Tax, and expiration of leases on property.

Inspection.

There was an excellent improvement in the number of visits to premises during the 12 months. 235 initial inspections were made which showed an increase of 182% over 1967, and the 3491 visits of all kinds was an increase of 487% on the previous year. This progress, if maintained during 1969, should ensure that all premises will then have been inspected by the end of the year.

Operation of the General Provisions of the Act.

The following is an analysis of the contraventions found on inspection and contraventions abated.

Section No.	Contraventions	Abated
4 Cleanliness 	128	98
5 Overcrowding 	4	11
6 Temperature 	73	121
7 Ventilation 	72	77
8 Lighting 	130	208
9 Sanitary Conveniences — Defects... ...	106	176
10 Washing facilities		
(a) Hot or cold water 	75	20
(b) Wash hand basins 	51	15
(c) Soap, towels, etc. 	40	13
11 Drinking water 	18	29
12 Clothing accommodation 	57	42
13 Seating facilities 	3	18
14 Seats for sedentary workers... 	2	6
15 Eating facilities 	10	15
16 Floors, passages and stairs 	82	36
17 Fencing of dangerous machinery 	33	50
24 First Aid provisions 	104	125
50 Provision of abstracts 	109	135
Other defects 	110	181
Totals 	<u>1,207</u>	<u>1,376</u>

19 reported accidents were investigated.

Overcrowding.

Section 5 states that no room in premises to which the Act applies shall, while work is going on there, be so overcrowded as to cause risk of injury to the health of persons working in it. For the purposes of determining whether a room is overcrowded, the space occupied by furniture, furnishings, fittings, machinery, plant, equipment, etc. must be taken into account as well as the number of persons expected to be working in the room at any one time. It also states that each person shall be entitled to not less than either 40 sq.ft. of floor space per person or 400 cb.ft. of air space person (ceiling heights above 10 ft. to be ignored) and that shall not apply to a room to which members of the public are invited to resort.

This means that banking halls are exempt from the floor areas and cubic capacities referred to in Section 5(2), but this Authority has considered that this sub-section was a good enough "yardstick" to apply to these premises in determining "permitted numbers". However, banks have embarked on modernisation programmes which result in high anti-bandit counter screens being erected and increased mechanisation. The new screens do not extend to ceiling level and in consequence the customer area has to be taken into account. It has not, as yet, been felt that conditions are such as to cause risk to health, but the general effect is claustrophobic by comparison with previous conditions.

Ventilation.

The increase in the growth of dry cleaning establishments has been watched closely because of the dangers associated with the discharge of waste products to atmosphere. During the year a new cleaning fluid called 'Trichlorotrifluoroethane' was utilised at one premises. This was found to be ten times less toxic than Perchlorethylene, the normal cleaning fluid.

First Aid Provisions.

Occupiers of premises to which the Act applies were found generally to have provided the necessary First Aid Kit, but in the majority of cases the contents were depleted. The first exemption certificate under the provisions of Section 24(7) was granted during the year.

Accidents.

30 accidents were reported during the year, but only 19 were investigated. The following were of particular interest.

1. A grocery firm had two accidents to staff whilst using horizontal slicing machines the second occurrence resulted in legal action.
2. Another grocery firm received daily deliveries by their own vehicles, the goods being transported on a trolley called a "roll pallet" - these pallets were run on to the tail-gate of the vehicle and lowered by mechanical means to ground level. The goods were secured on the roll pallets by means of side framework, the open ends being secured by straps. The company's Standing Instructions were that the driver should stand on the hoist section and steady the pallet during its descent. On the occasion in question the driver failed to carry out his duty and the pallet ran to the end of the platform and the leading wheels came off the edge. The jolt caused a container weighing over 150 lb. to be ejected; it fell several feet and struck a warehouseman in the chest, causing severe cardiac bruising.
3. An accident reported from catering premises was investigated. A female assistant fell and struck her head against a washing-up machine and suffered concussion. The actual cause of the accident was not discovered but it was felt that two contributory factors were - inadequate ventilation causing excessive condensation coupled with the badly worn shoes of the Assistant. The Company have since installed a satisfactory ventilation system.
4. A butcher stabbed himself in the thigh just below the groin with a knife whilst cutting meat. This accident occurred in a supermarket belonging to a national concern. As a result of this accident, the firm are issuing the necessary protective aprons to all their establishments.

Prosecutions.

A prosecution was instituted against a grocery firm following an accident to a 16 year old youth whilst he was engaged in cleaning a horizontal bacon machine. Investigation revealed that he had not had any training in handling machines and was, in fact, responsible for operating a gravity feed slicing machine. Evidence was laid under Sections 18 and 19 of the Act, and fines of £5 and £10 respectively were imposed, with an Advocates Fee of £5 5.0d.

TABLE A — REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS, 1965/6/7/8

(1) <i>Class of Premises</i>	(2) <i>No. of premises registered during year</i>				(3) <i>Total No. of regd. premises at end of year</i>				(4) <i>No. of regd. premises receiving a general inspection during year</i>			
	65	66	67	68	65	66	67	68	65	66	67	68
Year :- 19												
Offices	41	16	14	38	222	230	228	213	31	7	31	56
Retail Shops... ..	53	56	81	64	513	559	590	552	100	54	90	147
Wholesale shops, warehouses	4	1	2	1	18	19	21	23	1	-	1	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	5	4	6	12	37	38	44	45	6	8	7	31
Fuel storage depots ...	-2	-	-	-	4	4	4	3	1	-	-	1
Totals	105	77	103	115	794	850	887	836	139	69	129	235

TABLE B — NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

1965	1966	1967	1968
485	278	716	3,491

TABLE C — ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPEOPLE

(1) <i>Class of Workplace</i>	(2) <i>Number of persons employed</i>			
	1965	1966	1967	1968
Offices	2671	2851	3434	4112
Retail Shops	2185	2988	3210	3557
Wholesale department, warehouses	327	348	477	605
Catering establishments open to the public	582	599	648	726
Canteens	24	24	44	75
Fuel Storage Depots	12	13	13	13
<u>Total</u>	5801	6727	7826	9088
<u>Total Males</u>	2365	2653	3213	3927
<u>Total Females</u>	3436	4074	4613	5161

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963.

6 annual licences were renewed during the years 1965, 1966 and 1967, and 5 during 1968, to persons whose premises were approved for keeping dogs and cats. Premises relating to new applications are inspected by the Council's Authorised Veterinary Officer and a Public Health Inspector.

Re-inspections showed that the catteries and kennels were well maintained.

No new applications were received.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

	<i>Owners' annual licences renewed</i>
1965	4
1966	4
1967	3
1968	2

The premises have been properly conducted.

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1939

3 Riding Establishments were licensed during the years 1965, 1966 and 1967 and 2 during 1968. These were inspected by the Council's authorised Veterinary Officer who reported favourably upon the conditions at each.

No new applications were received.

PETROLEUM

Storage, 1965.

96 premises were licensed for the storage of a total of 389,815 gallons of petroleum spirit and 10,715 gallons of petroleum mixtures. The income received from the payment of licence fees was £101 10s.0d.

Storage, 1966.

103 premises were licensed for the storage of a total of 432,550 gallons of petroleum spirit and 10,798 gallons of petroleum mixtures. The income received from the payment of licence fees was £111 5s.0d.

During the year two applications were approved for the installation of above-ground insulated storage tanks for Liquid Methane.

Storage, 1967.

97 premises were licensed for the storage of a total of 371,950 gallons of petroleum spirit, 255,073 gallons of petroleum mixtures, and 9,110 gallons of Liquid Methane. The income received from the payment of licence fees was £130 5s.0d.

	1965	1966	1967
<i>Work Done.</i>			
New installations supervised... ..	6	11	12
Pressure tests on new underground storage tanks supervised	10	24	22
Routine pressure tests on existing underground storage tanks supervised...	33	4	Nil
Routine ullage tests on existing underground storage tanks supervised	4	Nil	Nil
Disused tanks de-gassed and removed or filled with concrete.... ..	-	15	19

PETROLEUM, 1968

Storage.

104 premises were licensed for the storage of a total of 423,600 gallons of petroleum spirit, 236,433 gallons of petroleum mixtures, and 8,550 gallons of Liquid Methane. The income received from the payment of licence fees was £495 15s.0d.

Visits made for:

Supervision of existing installations	102
Supervision of new installations	91
Pressure tests on underground tanks	23

Work done:

Number of new installations	8
Number of new storage tanks installed	10
Number of existing storage tanks pressure tested	4
Number of disused tanks de-gassed and removed or filled with cement slurry.	10

OTHER MATTERS AFFECTING PUBLIC HEALTH

TABLE OF WORK DONE, 1965/6

DWELLING HOUSES.

1965 1966

Internal — Repairs to

Plaster	9	34
Floors... ..	4	14
Doors and windows	16	17
Ranges, Fireplaces, Flues	3	3
Damp walls	5	9
Wastepipes — Sinks and washbasins	2	2
Sinks and washbasins replaced	2	2

External — Repairs to

Roofs	13	23
Pointing etc. of walls	6	22
Chimneys	8	14
Yard Paving... ..	1	5
Gully channels	1	2
Rainwater pipes	4	11
Eavesgutters	9	16

Water Supply:

Existing houses connected to mains	3	-
Hot water apparatus renewed	5	3
Water supply pipes renewed	8	6
Standpipes discontinued	2	-
Miscellaneous	-	-

Drainage:

Drains reconstructed or repaired	22	22
Drains cleansed	21	15
Inspection Chamber covers provided	1	5
Inspection Chambers repaired... ..	-	3
Cesspools repaired	-	-
Cesspools discontinued... ..	2	-
Houses connected to sewer	2	-
Drains Tested	27	31
Other drainage work	3	10

Sanitary Accommodation

Pail closets converted to W.C.'s	3	-
W.C.Apparatus repaired	15	20
Closet buildings repaired	1	3
Additional closet accommodation provided	1	-

Miscellaneous

Caravans removed... ..	-	4
Wasp disinfestations	362	360
Other Insect disinfestations	22	6
Rat disinfestations	1711	2320
Dustbins provided... ..	8	9

See body of report for details

Petroleum

See body of report for details

Food Premises — Hygiene Regulations

See body of report for details

Offices Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

Abstracts provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	29
Cleansing or redecoration	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	151	47
First Aid Kits replenished or provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	20
Floors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	23
Heating improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	18
Lighting improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	106	74
Machinery fenced	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	15
Sanitary accommodation provided or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	63
Thermometers provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	37
Water supplies provided (H. & C. & drinking)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	16
Other facilities provided or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120	16

Clean Air Act.

Adaptations — domestic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	307	291
Smoke nuisances abated — domestic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
Smoke nuisances abated — industrial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	9

Nuisances Abated.

Due to keeping of animals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6
Noise	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	11
Offensive accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	25
Overflows	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	3
Smell	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	18
Smoke	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	20
Verminous premises disinfested	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1
Watercourses and ditches	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1

TABLE OF WORK DONE, 1967

HOUSING

Defects Remedied

1967

Brickwork — walls pointed/repared/rebuilt	13
Chimney stacks — repaired/rebuilt	2
Dampness remedied — internal rendering, ...	3
Dampness remedied — other methods	8
Doors repaired/renewed	13
Drains cleared	19
Drains reconstructed	7
Drains repaired	19
Dustbins provided	73
Fireplaces/ranges— repaired/renewed	5
Floors repaired/renewed — wood	5
Floors repaired/renewed — solid	1
Flues repaired	2
Gutters — cleaned	1
Gutters — repaired/renewed	13
Plaster made good	9
Rain water pipes — repaired/renewed	1
Roofs repaired	13
Sinks — Renewed	2
Soil pipes repaired/renewed	1
Sub-floor ventilation provided	1
Water closets — apartments repaired	1
Water closets — Pans and traps renewed	2
Water closets — Flushing cisterns repaired/renewed	8
Waste pipes — repaired/renewed	4
Water supply — service pipes repaired	4
Water supply — Wells repaired	1
Windows — repaired/renewed	33
Yard paving — repaired/laid	2
Other defects remedied	8

Food Premises

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Atmospheric Pollution

Adaptations completed — domestic	724
Nuisances abated — Smoke	32
Nuisances abated — Dust	4

Factories

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Nuisances

Nuisances abated — flooding	1
Nuisances abated — keeping of animals	4
Nuisances abated — offensive accumulations	27
Nuisances abated — offensive odours	15
Nuisances abated — noise	6

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Shops

Forms provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Half-day closing enforced	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Other contraventions rectified...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

Petroleum

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TABLE OF WORK DONE 1968

HOUSING

Defects remedied

1968

Brickwork — walls pointed/repared/rebuilt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Chimney stacks — repaired/rebuilt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Dampness remedied — insertion of d.p.c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dampness remedied — pointing of brickwork	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Dampness remedied — other methods	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Doors repaired/renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Drains cleared	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Drains connected to sewer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Drains reconstructed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Drains repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Fireplaces/ranges — repaired/renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Floors repaired/renewed — wood	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Floors repaired/renewed — solid	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Food stores — ventilated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Gutters — cleaned	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Gutters — provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Gutters — repaired/renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Pail closets — pails renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Plaster made good	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Rain water pipes — cleared	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Rain water pipes — provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rain water pipes — repaired/renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Soil pipes repaired/renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Staircases repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Water closets — apartments repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Water closets — pans and traps renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Water closets — flushing cisterns repaired/renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Water supply — service pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Windows — repaired/renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Yard paving — repaired/laid	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Other defects	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Food Premises

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Atmospheric Pollution

Adaptations completed — domestic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	639
Adaptations completed — industrial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Nuisances abated — smoke	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27

Factories

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Nuisances

Nuisances abated — ditches and watercourses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Nuisances abated — offensive accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Nuisances abated — offensive odours	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Nuisances abated — noise	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises.

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Shops

1968

Forms provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Half-day closing enforced	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hours of closing enforced	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other contraventions rectified...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

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Petroleum

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TABLE I

Summary of Visits and Notices served in the Public Health Inspectors' Department during the year, 1965.

	Visits made
<i>HOUSING</i>	
Housing Acts	103
Public Health Acts	66
Caravans etc.	18
Rent Act, 1957	11
Drainage	200
Closet Conversions	13
<i>FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS</i>	
Shops	221
Mobile Shops	7
Hotels, Restaurants, Cafes, etc.	33
Factories, Canteens, etc.	15
Registered Premises... ..	214
Fish Frying	8
Bakehouses	6
<i>SHOPS ACT</i>	
General	103
Closing Hours	107
Sunday Trading	24
<i>FACTORIES ACTS</i>	
Factories — Power	33
Factories — Non-Power	48
Outworkers	8
Building Operations	11
<i>OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963</i>	
General Inspections	139
Other Visits	509
<i>ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION</i>	
Daily Smoke Filter	278
Deposit Gauge	6
<i>CLEAN AIR ACT</i>	
Smoke Control Areas... ..	1793
Observations — Domestic	21
Observations — Industrial	12
Nuisances	11
Carried forward... ..	4018

	Vists made
Brought forward	4018
<i>FOOD AND DRUGS</i>	
General	179
Milk	41
Ice Cream	24
<i>MISCELLANEOUS</i>	
Water mains — wells	116
Swimming Pools... ..	41
Meat Inspection	402
Refuse Disposal	1
Offensive accumulations	6
Ditches and Watercourses	5
Infectious Diseases	173
Disinfections	1
Insect Infestations	15
Rats and Mice Infestations	17
Petrol Installations	233
Surrender of unsound food	116
Animal Boarding Establishments	14
Noise Abatement	96
Town and Country Planning... ..	40
Miscellaneous	663
Total	6201

In connection with the above visits, 24 Statutory and 216 Informal Notices were served and 173 Verbal Intimations were given. At the end of the year, 150 Notices and Intimations had been complied with

It was also necessary to institute the following prosecutions:—

<i>Legislation</i>	<i>Offences</i>	<i>Result</i>
Sections 92/93 Public Health Act 1936, as amended by Section 16 of the Clean Air Act, 1956.	Smoke nuisance caused by the burning of refuse and scrap motor vehicles.	Abatement Order made
Sections 92/93 Public Health Act 1936, as amended by Section 16 of the Clean Air Act, 1956.	Smoke nuisance caused by the burning of motor vehicles.	Fined £2 and Abatement Order made.

TABLE I

Summary of Visits made in the Public Health Inspectors' Department during the year 1966:—

											Visits made
HOUSING											
Housing Acts											114
Public Health Acts											757
Caravans, etc.... ..											31
Rent Act, 1957... ..											25
Drainage... ..											102
Cesspools											0
Closet conversions											3
FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS											
Shops											243
Mobile Shops											10
Hotels, Restaurants, Cafes etc.... ..											61
Factory Canteens, etc.											36
Registered Premises... ..											344
Fish Frying											11
Bakehouses											3
FACTORIES ACTS.											
Factories — Power											53
Factories — Non-Power											2
Outworkers											30
Building Operations											71
OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES, ACT, 1963.											
General Inspections											69
Other visits											209
ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION											
Weekly Smoke Filter... ..											54
CLEAN AIR ACT											
Smoke Control Areas... ..											2,036
Observations — Domestic											41
Observations — Industrial											7
Nuisances											31
FOOD AND DRUGS											
General											199
Milk											21
Ice Cream											39
Carried forward											4,602

											<i>Visits made</i>
Brought forward											4,602
<i>MISCELLANEOUS</i>											
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Meat Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	374
Riding Stables	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Offensive accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Keeping of Animals (Piggeries) etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87
Disinfections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Insect Infestations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Rats and Mice Infestations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Petroleum Installations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	213
Surrender of Unsound Food	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	78
Animal Boarding Establishments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Noise Abatement	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	98
Town and Country Planning	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88
Other Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	389
Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	254
Total											6,276

TABLE I

Summary of Visits made in the Public Health Inspectors' Department during the year, 1967

	Visits made
<i>HOUSING</i>	
House to House	42
On complaint — (a) Housing Act... ..	32
On complaint — (b) Public Health Act	366
Rent Act applications	10
Houses in multiple occupation	1
Dilapidated buildings	23
Overcrowding	12
Filthy or verminous premises	8
<i>FOOD PREMISES</i>	
Bakehouses	6
Bakers (Bread and Cake Shops)	30
Butchers	65
Cafes	32
Canteens — (a) Factory	13
Canteens — (b) Other... ..	10
Chemists... ..	2
Clubs	6
Confectioners	61
Fishmongers	17
Fried Fish Shops	31
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	55
Grocery and Provisions	99
Hotels	3
Milk Distributors	5
Off Licences	11
Public Houses	13
Restaurants	33
School Kitchens	8
Wholesale Food Stores and Depots	2
Other food premises	17
<i>REGISTERED FOOD PREMISES: SOLIHULL U.D.C., ACT, 1936</i>	
Ice Cream	48
Preserved food... ..	15
<i>VEHICLES AND STALLS</i>	
Ice Cream vehicles	14
Mobile Food Shops	14
Other food vehicles	16
<i>FOOD INSPECTIONS</i>	
Meat Inspection at slaughterhouse	349
Merchandise Marks	1

	Visits made
<i>Food Inspection (Cont'd.)</i>	
Other Food	84
Food complaints	184
<i>SAMPLING</i>	
Bacteriological... ..	42
Biological	1
Chemical... ..	19
Food and Drugs	50
Ice Cream	9
Milk	31
Swimming Baths	14
Water supplies — (a) Piped... ..	8
Water supplies — (b) Wells... ..	10
<i>ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION</i>	
Air Pollution Recording Station	52
Furnaces and Boiler Houses	4
Nuisances — (a) Smoke	85
Nuisances — (b) Fumes	1
Nuisances — (c) Dust and Grit	10
Nuisances — (d) Domestic appliances	3
Proposals for new furnaces, etc.... ..	13
Smoke Control Areas... ..	1,947
Smoke Observations — (a) Industrial	14
Smoke Observations — (b) Domestic	27
<i>DRAINAGE</i>	
Inspections	192
Colour tests	39
Smoke tests	14
Other tests	12
<i>INFECTIOUS DISEASES</i>	
Infectious Diseases (a) Cases	38
Infectious Diseases (b) Contacts... ..	41
Disinfections	7
Food Poisoning enquiries	2
X-ray forms — Immigrants	11
<i>INFESTATION CONTROL</i>	
Disinfestations... ..	18
Rats and Mice — (a) Dwellings	14
Rats and Mice — (b) Business	1
Rubbish removal	12

										Visits made
<i>FACTORIES</i>										
Factories with power...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77
Factories without power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Building sites ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Outworkers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
<i>NUISANCES</i>										
Ditched and Watercourses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Flooding ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Keeping of Animals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Offensive accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68
Offensive odours	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Noise	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	159
<i>OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES</i>										
Offices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	173
Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	600
Other premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
<i>SHOPS</i>										
Hours of Closing, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Employment of Young Persons	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
<i>PETROLEUM</i>										
Existing installations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75
New installations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
Pressure tests	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
<i>OTHER VISITS</i>										
Caravans — (a) Itinerant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Caravans — (b) Permanent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Privy conversions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Public conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Refuse disposal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	79
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Special Surveys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	535
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Town Planning	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63
Water Mains Extensions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
<i>MISCELLANEOUS</i>										
Attendances at Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Examination of plans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75
Lectures, talks, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Other successful visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	359
Unclassified visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,144
Total visits for the Year										9,376

TABLE I ,

Summary of visits made in the Public Health Inspectors' Department during the year 1968.

	Visits made									
HOUSING										
House to House	149									
On complaint — (a) Housing Act	34									
On complaint — (b) Public Health Act	364									
Rent Act applications	4									
Houses in multiple occupation	9									
Dilapidated buildings	7									
Overcrowding	6									
Filthy or verminous premises	4									
FOOD PREMISES										
Bakehouses	16									
Bakers (Bread and Cake Shops)	38									
Butchers	121									
Cafes	68									
Canteens — (a) Factory	14									
Canteens — (b) Other... ..	13									
Chemists... ..	23									
Clubs	24									
Confectioners	90									
Fishmongers	10									
Fried Fish Shops	28									
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	108									
Grocery and Provisions	234									
Hotels	15									
Milk Distributors	4									
Off Licences	20									
Public Houses	45									
Restaurants	48									
School Kitchens	11									
Wholesale Food Stores and Depots	6									
Other Food premises... ..	11									
REGISTERED FOOD PREMISES: SOLIHULL U.D.C. ACT, 1936										
Ice Cream... ..	57									
Preserved food	26									
VEHICLES AND STALLS										
Ice Cream vehicles	12									
Milk vehicles	1									
Mobile Food Shops	7									
Other food vehicles	18									
Refreshment stalls	1									

											Visits made
<i>FOOD INSPECTION</i>											
Meat inspection at slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	370
Merchandise Marks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Other foods	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	93
Food complaints	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	112
<i>SAMPLING</i>											
Bacteriological	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Food and Drugs Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
Swimming Baths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Water Supplies — (a) Piped	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Water Supplies — (b) Wells...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
<i>ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION</i>											
Air Pollution Recording Station	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
Furnaces and Boiler Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Nuisances — (a) Smoke	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	69
Nuisances — (b) Fumes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Nuisances — (c) Dust and Grit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Smoke Control Areas...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,740
Smoke Observations — (a) Industrial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Smoke Observations — (b) Domestic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
<i>DRAINAGE</i>											
Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	299
Colour tests	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
Smoke tests	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Other tests	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
<i>INFECTIOUS Diseases</i>											
Infectious Diseases (a) Cases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	105
Infectious Diseases (b) Contacts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	210
Disinfections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Food Poisoning enquiries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
X-ray forms — Immigrants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
<i>INFESTATION CONTROL</i>											
Disinfestations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Rats and Mice — (a) Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Rats and Mice — (b) Business	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Rubbish removal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15

	<i>Visits made</i>
FACTORIES	
Factories with power	107
Factories without power	9
Building sites	8
Outworkers	8
NUISANCES	
Ditches and Watercourses	21
Flooding	14
Keeping of Animals	34
Offensive accumulations	50
Offensive odours	69
Noise	154
OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES	
Offices	379
Shops	898
Other premises	73
Accidents	34
SHOPS	
Hours of Closing, etc.	77
Employment of Young Persons	14
PETROLEUM	
Existing installations... ..	102
New installations	91
Pressure tests	23
Miscellaneous	11
OTHER VISITS	
Caravans — (a) Itinerant	33
Caravans — (b) Permanent	1
Pet Animals	2
Privy conversions	4
Refuse disposal	21
Slaughterhouses	5
Special surveys	99
Swimming Pools... ..	57
Rag Flock... ..	2
Town Planning	162
Water Mains Extensions	13
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Attendances at Court	11
Examination of plans	91
Lectures, talks, etc.	27
Other successful visits	1,586
Unclassified visits	2,011
Total visits for the year	11,505

TABLE II

COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOLIHULL

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1968 and previous years

Year	Population Estimated to Middle of each year.	Births		Deaths			
				Under 1 year		At all ages	
		Number	Rate per 1,000 Population	Number	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Number	Rate per 1,000 Population
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1959	88,990	1,670	18.7	21	12.5	699	7.8
1960	92,550	1,711	18.4	36	21.0	753	8.1
1961	96,080	1,828	19.02	26	14.2	771	8.02
1962	98,670	1,843	18.6	34	18.4	790	8.0
1963	100,680	1,784	17.7	30	16.8	825	8.2
* 1964	99,300	1,746	17.6	30	17.1	791	7.9
1965	101,210	1,718	16.9	24	13.9	749	7.4
1966	103,600	1,590	15.3	15	9.4	756	7.2
1967	105,890	1,598	15.1	24	15.0	798	7.5
1968	108,380	1,623	14.9	15	9.2	857	7.9

* Boundary of original Borough reduced in size

TABLE III.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOLIHULL

Cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year 1965

Notifiable Disease	Number of Cases notified							
	At ages - years							
	At all ages	Under 1	1 - 4	5 - 14	15 - 44	45 - 64	65 and over	Age Unknown
Smallpox								
Plague								
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)								
Erysipelas	8				2	4	2	
Scarlet Fever	81		22	54	4			1
Paratyphoid Fever	1					1		
Enteric Fever								
Pneumonia	12	1		3	3	1	4	
Malaria								
Dysentery	1		1					
Puerperal Pyrexia	4				3			1
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis								
Poliomyelitis								
Acute Encephalitis								
Ophthalmia Neonatorum								
Polio-Encephalitis								
Respiratory Tuberculosis	20		2	2	10	6		
Other forms of Tuberculosis	3				1	1	1	
Meningococcal Meningitis								
Food Poisoning	4		2		2			
Total	134	1	27	59	25	13	7	2

TABLE III

COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOLIHULL

Cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year, 1966.

Notifiable Disease	Number of Cases notified							
	At ages - years							
	At all ages	Under 1	1 - 4	5 - 14	15 - 44	45 - 64	65 and over	Age Unknown
Smallpox	3				2	1		
Plague								
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)								
Erysipelas	2					1	1	
Scarlet Fever	32		14	17	1			
Paratyphoid Fever								
Enteric Fever								
Pneumonia	13			3		5	5	
Malaria								
Dysentery	1			1				
Puerperal Pyrexia	1				1			
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis								
Poliomyelitis								
Acute Encephalitis								
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	1						
Polio-Encephalitis								
Respiratory Tuberculosis	10		1		3	6		
Other forms of Tuberculosis	7		2		3	2		
Meningococcal Meningitis	1	1						
Food Poisoning	3		1	1	1			
Total	74	2	18	22	11	15	6	

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOLIHULL

Cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year, 1967.

Notifiable Disease	Number of cases notified							
	At ages - years							
	At all ages	Under 1	1 - 4	5 - 14	15 - 44	45 - 64	65 and over	Age Unknown
Smallpox								
Plague								
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)								
Erysipelas	8				2	4	2	
Scarlet Fever	36		4	28	2	2		
Paratyphoid Fever								
Enteric Fever								
Pneumonia	12		3	1	2	3	3	
Malaria								
Dysentery	3			2	1			
Puerperal Pyrexia	3				3			
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis								
Poliomyelitis								
Acute Encephalitis								
Ophthalmia Neonatorum								
Polio-Encephalitis								
Respiratory Tuberculosis	8				5	3		
Other forms of Tuberculosis	2				1	1		
Meningococcal Meningitis								
Food Poisoning	7			1	3	2	1	
Total	79		7	32	19	15	6	

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOLIHULL

Cases of Infectious Diseases notified during 1968.

Notifiable Disease	Number of Cases Notified							
	At ages - years							
	At all ages	Under 1	1 - 4	5 - 14	15 - 44	45 - 64	65 and over	Age. Unknown
Tetanus								
Lepto-Spirosis								
Scarlet Fever	21		3	16	2			
Whooping Cough	60	2	30	25				3
Measles	414	19	244	145	3			3
Dysentery	13		7	4	2			
Meningitis								
Poliomyelitis								
Diphtheria								
Acute Pneumonia	8		1				7	
Encephalitis								
Typhoid	1			1				
Para-Typhoid								
Erysipelas	2				1	1		
Food Poisoning	1					1		
Smallpox								
Tuberculosis - resp.	12				5	5	2	
Tuberculosis - other	2							2
Puerperal Pyrexia								
Ophthalmia Neonatorum								
Anthrax								
Infective Jaundice	3				3			
Yellow Fever								
Total	537	21	285	191	16	7	9	8

TABLE IV

COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOLIHULL

Cause of Death

Cause of Death	1965		1966		1967	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
All Causes... ..	403	346	394	362	419	379
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1	1	4	-	1	2
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	1	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	1	1	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-	-	-	2
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	11	6	7	12	14	6
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	33	8	20	3	35	9
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	20	-	17	-	14
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	6	-	7	-	4
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	45	36	44	32	45	50
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	3	1	1	2	3	4
16. Diabetes	4	1	4	3	3	2
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous system	37	58	44	64	49	76
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	108	57	119	48	123	57
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	2	2	6	5	2	5
20. Other Heart Disease	25	43	36	43	19	41
21. Other Circulatory Disease	13	19	8	17	19	9
22. Influenza	-	-	-	2	3	-
23. Pneumonia	31	22	14	35	21	20
24. Bronchitis	24	8	28	7	22	5
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	4	5	2	5	6	6
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	3	2	-	4	4	1
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	3	-	4	2	1	7
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	5	1	-	3	3	1
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	3	-	2	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations	4	2	3	4	2	7
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	25	33	22	30	24	29
33. Motor vehicle accidents	7	2	11	3	11	2
34. All other accidents... ..	7	8	9	10	5	16
35. Suicide	5	4	4	4	2	3
36. Homicide and Operations of War	1	-	-	-	-	1

TABLE IV

COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOLIHULL

Cause of Death during the year, 1968

Cause of Death	Males	Females
All Causes	431	426
1. Other Tuberculosis, including late effects	1	-
2. Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	9	4
3. Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	27	3
4. Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	26
5. Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	-	9
6. Leukaemia	4	5
7. Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	62	39
8. Benign and unspecified Neoplasms	2	1
9. Diabetes Mellitus	2	2
10. Other Endocrine etc. diseases	-	1
11. Other diseases of Nervous System etc.	4	7
12. Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	3	10
13. Hypertensive Disease	10	6
14. Ischaemic Heart Disease	128	82
15. Other forms of Heart Disease	15	18
16. Cerebrovascular Disease	46	68
17. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	16	21
18. Influenza	2	3
19. Pneumonia	30	42
20. Bronchitis and Emphysema	23	11
21. Asthma	1	4
22. Other diseases of Respiratory System	5	7
23. Peptic Ulcer	2	4
24. Appendicitis	1	-
25. Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	2
26. Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-
27. Other diseases of Digestive System	5	8
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	1
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-
30. Other Diseases, Genito-urinary system	2	4
31. Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	2
32. Congenital anomalies	6	3
33. Birth Injury, difficult labour, etc.	3	-
34. Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	3
35. Symptoms and Ill-defined conditions	-	7
36. Motor Vehicle Accidents	6	4
37. All other accidents	5	14
38. Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	2	5
39. All other external causes	3	-

Contribution by J.S.Forman.

After a number of years as Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector to this Authority, I was promoted to Chief Public Health Inspector as from the 1st April, 1965, following the retirement of Mr.E.Vaughan. Mr.G.N.Dean, a member of the Department, was promoted to my former position as from the same date. These promotions are very much appreciated.

Having collaborated with Mr.Vaughan for a number of years, the change of Chief Public Health Inspector was effected very smoothly.

Mr.Vaughan served this Authority very loyally, and besides dealing efficiently with day-to-day matters and adopting high standards in the realms of public health hygiene, he was far-seeing in recommending the Council to adopt certain policies, as, for example, the extension of water mains in the rural parts of the District, and the restriction of licensed caravansites. These high standards will be maintained as far as the availability of staff will permit.

The last occasion that another Public Health Inspector was appointed was in 1954, when the population was approximately 72,000. The population is now approximately 100,000 and since that appointment the duty of enforcing the provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations made under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, the Clean Air Act, 1956, and the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, not to mention a number of the minor enactments, has made great demands on the work of the Public Health Inspectors, so reducing the time available for routine inspections.

Unfortunately, the position consequent upon staff shortage was accentuated by the vacancy created by my appointment remaining unfilled at the year's end, despite advertisements relating to the vacant position. I hope that the vacancy will be filled shortly and also that the Council will approve the appointment of another person, either a qualified Public Health Inspector, or a Technical Assistant who can be trained to undertake one or two specific duties, such as those relating to Smoke Control Areas or the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act.

I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, the support given to me by the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, the co-operation by the Medical Officer of Health and Chief Officers of other Departments, and the loyal support of my Deputy, the Public Health Inspectors and clerical staff.

During this, my first full year as Chief Public Health Inspector to the County Borough, steady progress was maintained in the work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors.

As the growth of the County Borough increases, so does the number of premises such as offices, shops, food preparing premises and factories, and this involves the Department in an increasing number of inspections. This, in turn, has meant that the routine inspections of the older type of premises are not as frequent as would be desired, but it is hoped that in the near future, authority will be given for the employment of Technical Assistants. These Technical Assistants would be trained within the Department and employed exclusively on work in connection with the inspection of offices and shops, and premises in Smoke Control Areas, thus enabling the Public Health Inspectors to devote more time to duties for which they are qualified.

A close co-operation existed between the planning section of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department and the Public Health Inspectors. As a result of this, all relevant plans were inspected and steps taken to ensure that at the planning stage, requirements of the appropriate legislation were incorporated, which was to the benefit of the developer and the Department.

Many complaints from the public regarding foreign bodies and moulds in foodstuffs continued to be received. This may well be due to the fact that residents in the County Borough were becoming more aware of the activities of the Department. The policy of the Council which provided for a warning to be given on the first occasion to the person or firm responsible for the complaint, rather than the institution of legal proceedings, sometimes made it possible to secure improvements in manufacturing processes to prevent a recurrence of the cause of the complaint. On other occasions, some manufacturers were persuaded to adopt a coding system for their products indicating the dates of manufacture. Such a code was more acceptable to the Food Industry than the actual date, because with the increase in the number of self-service food shops, a customer would naturally choose a commodity with the latest date, leaving wholesome food on the shelves which may eventually have to be destroyed.

During the year the Council continued with its programme to create Smoke Control Areas. Three Orders, covering 1,057 dwelling houses, were made. This was very encouraging, as even without an interruption in the programme, it is estimated that it will take another 20 years before the whole of the County Borough becomes "smokeless", unless the staff is increased so that the work can be expedited.

Householders in the County Borough are becoming increasingly aware of the advantages of installing modern heating appliances, and, encouraged by the payment of grants in approved cases, they are more receptive to visits by the staff in connection with smoke control.

The fact that grants are available to householders who carry out necessary work in Smoke Control Areas has resulted in almost daily enquiries from all parts of the County Borough seeking information relating to grants. Unfortunately, financial assistance can only be given within the area defined by the Council's Smoke Control Order and providing the Ministry of Housing and Local Government confirm the Order.

It is interesting to note that the smoke recording instrument at the Council House has recorded a reduction of approximately 30% since 1962. This instrument is surrounded by Smoke Control Areas to a depth of approximately 1/3rd mile on the south, 1 mile on the west, 2½ miles on the north and 2 miles on the east. It would appear that the establishment of Smoke Control Areas by the Council is an important project which will ultimately have a beneficial effect on the health of the residents in the County Borough.

My thanks are due to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee and other Members of the Council for their support and encouragement in carrying out my duties, and to the staff of other departments for their ready co-operation.

Finally, I would thank Dr. I. M. McLachlan, Medical Officer of Health and my other colleagues in the Department for their support, and in particular the Public Health Inspectors who carry out their duties with zeal at all times.

REPORT BY THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR, 1967

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year, 1967.

Midway through the year, the Council gave authority for the employment of two Technical Assistants, the fulfillment of a hope expressed in my 1966 Annual Report. With their arrival, opportunity was taken to reorganise the duties of the Public Health Inspectors.

One Technical Assistant is wholly employed with the inspection of offices and shops, other than food preparing premises, and the other Technical Assistant is wholly employed on work in connection with Smoke Control Areas. Their training was arranged in the Department, and within a reasonable period, they were able to accelerate the work under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, and the Clean Air Act, 1956, so allowing the Public Health Inspectors to concentrate on work for which they trained and qualified. As a result there has been an increased number of inspections of food premises, etc.

In common with many other local authorities, assistance was given to the Regional Office of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in the carrying out of a survey in the Midlands Conurbation to assess housing standards by seconding a Public Health Inspector to work in other areas for a limited period. As part of this survey, a Public Health Inspector to work in other areas for a limited period. As part of this survey, a Public Health Inspector from another authority inspected a number of houses in this Borough. Much useful information was gained of the standards which may be adopted in future housing legislation.

Among the more interesting problems dealt with by this Department was one concerned with the fumes from a dry cleaning plant. It was found during a routine inspection that the fumes from the exhaust duct of this plant were discharging to the atmosphere immediately below windows giving ventilation to the office immediately above and affecting the health of the office occupant. With the assistance of a Regional Inspector of Factories, arrangements were made to carry out tests on the staff and of the atmosphere. Before these could be carried out, however, there was a change of manager, and structural alterations were made to the shop which resulted in a material improvement of the conditions which existed. The Factory Inspector considered that such circumstances would be reported to the Ministry of Labour suggesting that the making of Regulations to control the discharge of fumes from dry cleaning plants be considered.

Noise complaints continued to take a considerable amount of time. Some of the problems were difficult to solve and involved protracted investigations and observations, often during the late evening and early morning when the background noise had considerably reduced. A number of complaints referred to the loading and unloading of vehicles during the night which disturbed the sleep of nearby residents, but with the co-operation of the firms involved, who re-arranged the delivery schedules, the nuisances were abated. Reminders of the arrangements were sometimes necessary to the management to prevent the gradual build-up of noise to its former level. Although the Noise Abatement Act gives a defence when the best practicable means are taken to prevent noise, often a better solution would have been possible if greater powers were available under Planning legislation. In the case of industrial premises, recommendations are always made to the Borough Engineer and Surveyor when it is felt that the occupancy of the building may give rise to excessive noise.

It will be observed that the summaries of the Visits and Work Done by the Public Health Inspectors is shown in a different form. This is due to the fact that a new recording system was brought into use during the early part of the year.

I wish to acknowledge the excellent co-operation which exists between the Medical Officer of Health and myself and the assistance given by my deputy and the Public Health Inspectors at all times, often at short notice, to carry out their duties. Officers and staff of other departments have also willingly collaborated with me.

Finally, I would express my gratitude to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee and the Members of the Council for their interest and continued support.



